Thematic Guides: Abortion and Contraception

This guide provides researchers interested in Abortion and Contraception a gateway to the primary archival resources held by the University of Ottawa Archives and Special Collections. This guide provides a list of material that researchers may want to consult. The list below is not comprehensive and is continually updated.

Although many of our holdings are described in our online searchable database, some collections and fonds are only available as a PDF. For access to these documents, please contact arcs@uottawa.ca.

List of terms

Abortion / Avortement
Birth Control
Contraception
Choice
Pro-choice
Sterilization
List of related holdings:

CWMA collection:

1. 10-001-S1 Canadian Women’s Movement Archives Collection – Series 1: Organizations (non-exclusive list of women’s groups and events):

10-001-S1-F7 - Abortion and Contraception Committee (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F8 - Abortion by Choice - Organization material (Calgary, AB)
10-001-S1-F9 - Abortion by Choice – Flyers (Edmonton, AB)
10-001-S1-F10 - Abortion Caravan (May 1970)
10-001-S1-F11 - Abortion Information Clinic (Vancouver, BC)
10-001-S1-F12 - Abortion Information and Referral Service (Halifax, NS)
10-001-S1-F25 - Ad-hoc Abortion Law Repeal Committee (Ottawa, ON)
10-001-S1-F26 - Ad-hoc Committee for the Right to Choose Control of our Bodies (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F29 - Ad hoc Committee of Canadian Women (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F131 - Association for Birthing Responsibly (ABR, Saskatoon, SK)
10-001-S1-F133 - Association for Contraceptive Counselling and Related Areas (ACCR, Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F135 - Association for the Repeal of Canadian Abortion Laws (ARCAL, Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F179 - Birth Control & Venereal Disease Information Centre (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F180 - Birth Control Information Centre (Saskatoon, SK)
10-001-S1-F224 - British Columbia Committee to Defend Dr. Morgentaler (Vancouver, BC)
10-001-S1-F233 - British Columbia Federation of Women - Health Sub-Committee
10-001-S1-F249 British Columbia Women for Abortion Law Repeal Coalition (Vancouver, BC)
10-001-S1-F276 - Calgary Birth Control Association (Calgary, AB)
10-001-S1-F293 to F305 - Canadian Abortion Rights Action League / Association canadienne pour le droit à l’avortement (CARAL / ACDA)
10-001-S1-F310, F312, F314, 318, 319, F328, F329 - Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women / Conseil consultatif canadien sur la situation de la femme (CACSW/CCCSF, Ottawa, ON)
10-001-S1-F360 - Canadian Coalition for a Royal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F413 - Canadian Medical Association (CMA) / Association médicale canadienne (AMC, Ottawa, ON)
10-001-S1-F455 - Canadian Women's Coalition to Repeal Abortion Laws (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F512 - Carleton University Pro-Choice Network (Ottawa, ON)
10-001-S1-F518 - Catholics for a Free Choice (CFFC, Vancouver, BC)
10-001-S1-F576 - Childbirth by Choice Trust (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F596 - Coalition for Abortion Rights (Regina, SK)
10-001-S1-F603 - Coalition for Reproductive Choice (Winnipeg, MB)
10-001-S1-F609 - Coalition québécoise pour le droit à l'avortement libre et gratuit (Chicoutimi, QC)
10-001-S1-F615 - Colleen Crosbie Defence Committee (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F624 - Comité de lutte pour l'avortement et la contraception libres et gratuits (Montréal, QC)
10-001-S1-F638 - Committee for the Establishment of Abortion Clinics (CEAC, Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F643 - Committee on Unplanned Pregnancy (Winnipeg, MB)
10-001-S1-F674 - Concordia Pro-Choice Collective / Collectif Pro-choix de Concordia (Montréal, QC)
10-001-S1-F712 - Dalton Shield Action Toronto (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F751 - Doctors for Choice (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F752 - Doctors for Repeal of the Abortion Law (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F777 - Éditions Remue-Ménage, Avortement - Publications (Montréal, QC)
10-001-S1-F840 - Facts of Life Line (Winnipeg, MB)
10-001-S1-F854 and F 855 - Family Planning Network (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F864 - Fédération du Québec pour le planning des naissances (Montréal, QC)
10-001-S1-F916 - Feminists for Life (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F974 - Fraser Valley Childbirth Education Association (Vancouver, BC)
10-001-S1-F1057 - Grindstone Co-Op (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F1079 - Hamilton Committee for Choice (Hamilton, ON)
10-001-S1-F1227 - International Campaign for Abortion Rights (Saskatoon, SK)
10-001-S1-F1228 International Campaign for Abortion Rights (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F1354 - Issue is Choice, The (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F1367 - Just Society Movement
10-001-S1-F1380 - Kingston General Hospital (Kingston, ON)
10-001-S1-F1389 - Kitchener-Waterloo (K-W) Women's Coalition for Repeal of the Abortion Laws (Kitchener-Waterloo, ON)
10-001-S1-F1418 - Law Union of Ontario (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F1518 - Lesbians Against the Right Abortion Coalition - Speeches (LAR, Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F1546 - Liberals for Choice (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F1549 - Ligue d'action canadienne sur le droit à l'avortement (ACDA)
10-001-S1-F1604 - Manitoba Advisory Council on the Status of Women (Winnipeg, MB)
10-001-S1-F1609 - Manitoba's Coalition for Reproductive Choice (Winnipeg, MB)
10-001-S1-F1672 - Marxist-Feminist Study Group (Vancouver, BC)
10-001-S1-F1679 - May 8th Abortion Action Committee ([Winnipeg], MB)
10-001-S1-F1680 - May 10th Coalition (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F1684 - May 16th Coalition (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F1685 - May 28th Coalition for Abortion Rights (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F1691 - McGill University (Montreal, QC)
10-001-S1-F1709 - Men for Women's Choice (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F1739 - Montreal Health Press Inc. / Presses de la santé de Montréal Inc, Les (Montreal, QC)
10-001-S1-F1748 - Montreal Women's Centre (Montreal, QC)
10-001-S1-F1751 - Morgentaler Clinic (Winnipeg, MB)
10-001-S1-F1792 to F2001 – National Action Committee on the Status of Women (NAC) / Comité canadien d’action sur le statut de la femme (CCA) ***Files not identified but likely source.***
10-001-S1-F2249 - Ontario Ad Hoc Committee for Defense of Dr. Morgentaler (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F2268 to F2283 Ontario Coalitions for Abortion Clinics (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F2383 - Ontario New Democratic Party - Women's Action Committee - Correspondence and related material
10-001-S1-F2460 - Ontario Women's Abortion Law Repeal Coalition (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F2614 - Ottawa-Carleton Morgentaler Clinic (Ottawa, ON)
10-001-S1-F2618 to F2627- Ottawa Coalition for Reproductive Choice (Ottawa, ON)
10-001-S1-F2631 - Ottawa Pro-Choice Network (Ottawa, ON)
10-001-S1-F2674 - People Against Abortion Clinics (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F2689 - Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada / Fédération pour le planning des naissances du Canada (Ottawa, ON)
10-001-S1-F2690 - Planned Parenthood Manitoba, Inc. (Winnipeg and Brandon, MB)
10-001-S1-F2691 - Planned Parenthood of Toronto (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F2692 - Planned Parenthood Waterloo Region (Kitchener, ON)
10-001-S1-F2749 - Pro Choice Defense Fund (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F2801 - Red Barn Study Group
10-001-S1-F2809 - Regina Committee for Abortion Law Repeal (Regina, SK)
10-001-S1-F2823 - Repeal 251 Committee (Vancouver, BC)
10-001-S1-F2863 - Revolutionary Marxist Group - Position papers - Abortion, child care, day care, homosexuality and sexuality
10-001-S1-F2872 to F2886 - Revolutionary Workers League - Women's liberation
10-001-S1-F2983 - Saskatchewan Women for Abortion Law Repeal Coalition (Saskatoon, SK)
10-001-S1-F2990 - Saskatchewan Working Women (SWW) - 1979 founding convention, 1980 annual general meeting and other events
10-001-S1-F3002 - Saskatoon Abortion Rights Association (SARA, Saskatoon, SK)
10-001-S1-F3007 - Saskatoon Women for Abortion Law Repeal (SWALR, Saskatoon, SK)
10-001-S1-F3128 - Society of Obstetrician and Gynaecologists of Canada / Société des obstétriciens et gynécologues du Canada (S.O.G.C., Ottawa, On)
10-001-S1-F3158 - Struggle for Choice, The (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F3161 - Students for Choice (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F3162 - Students for Demographic Action (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F3208 - Théâtre québécoises (QC)
10-001-S1-F3223 - Toronto Abortion Campaign Committee (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F3241 - Toronto Committee to defend Dr. Morgentaler (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F3289 - Toronto Women’s Liberation Caucus
10-001-S1-F3303 - Toronto Women's Liberation Movement - Clipping
10-001-S1-F3313 - Toronto Women's Liberation Movement - Position paper
10-001-S1-F3314 - Toronto Women’s Liberation Movement - Abortion and Birth Control Collective (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F3317 - Toronto Women’s Services Network - Toronto Abortion Committee
10-001-S1-F3333 - Une à L’Autre, L’ (Montréal, QC)
10-001-S1-F3337 - Unitarian Church of Vancouver (Vancouver, BC)
10-001-S1-F3339 - United Action Committee for Abortion Reform (Regina, SK)
10-001-S1-F3358 - University of Alberta (Edmonton, AB)
10-001-S1-F3401 - University of Ottawa / Université d’Ottawa - Fulcrum
10-001-S1-F3406 - University of Saskatchewan Student Union Women’s Directorate (Saskatoon)
10-001-S1-F3419 - University of Toronto - Campaign Against Abortion (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F3421 - University of Toronto - Coalition for Responsible Choice
10-001-S1-F3454 - University of Toronto (Toronto, ON) : Women for Abortion Law Repeal
10-001-S1-F3565 - Vancouver Women's Caucus (Vancouver, BC)
10-001-S1-F3568, F3569, F3573, F3574 - Vancouver Women's Health Collective (Vancouver, BC)

2. 10-001-S2 Canadian Women’s Movement Archives Collection – Series 2: Individuals

10-001-S2-SS51-F6 - Abortion, choice
10-001-S2-SS4-F1 - Abortion clinics and reproductive rights
10-001-S2-SS144-F2 - Articles, pamphlets (Eve Zaremba)
10-001-S2-SS63-F2 - Report on abortion
10-001-S2-SS53-F1 - Publications and pamphlets (Freda Guttman)
10-001-S2-SS43-F1 - Meeting minutes, correspondence about abortion clinics (Lilith Finkler)
10-001-S2-SS32-F2 – Abortion (Susan Colley)
10-001-S2-SS8-F14 – Abortion (Megan Ardyck)
10-001-S2-SS146 – Sandra Pike

2. 10-001-S4 Canadian Women’s Movement Archives Collection – Series 4: Buttons

10-001-S4-I628 - Clinics! BC Coalition for Abortion Clinics
10-001-S4-I519 - Stop Abortion "Clinics"
10-001-S4-I369 - Abortion Make It Legal Make it Safe
10-001-S4-I370 - Abortion is a Personal Decision
10-001-S4-I308 - Speak out for Choice on Abortion
10-001-S4-I233 - No New Abortion Law
10-001-S4-I227 - Abortion is a Woman’s Choice
10-001-S4-I171 - I’m not Pro-Abortion. I’m not a woman’s anti-abortion. I’m for right to choose
10-001-S4-I79 - Repeal Anti-Abortion Laws
10-001-S4-I56 - Abortion: a woman's right to choose
10-001-S4-I51 - Choice, Legalize Free-Standing Abortion Clinics
10-001-S4-I44 - Repeal All Abortion Laws
10-001-S4-I43 - Abortion is a matter of choice
10-001-S4-I34 - Repeal Abortion Laws
10-001-S4-I19 - Free Abortion on Demand

3. 10-001-S5 Canadian Women’s Movement Archives Collection – Series 5: Posters

10-001-S5-I1414 - Abortion Tribunal to Defend Dr. Morgentaler
10-001-S5-I1417 - On January 28, 1988 the Supreme Court decided to remove the abortion law from the Criminal Code.

10-001-S5-I1346 - Friends of Choice Tribute Dinner

10-001-S5-I977 - Join the Province-Wide Actions for Abortion Rights

10-001-S5-I930 - The Abortion Wars

10-001-S5-I775 - Labouring Under a Mis-Conception: Legalize all abortion Now!

10-001-S5-I717 - Burn Abortion Laws, Not Clinics

10-001-S5-I713 - Burn the abortion laws not the clinics.

10-001-S5-I555 - Abortion Cavalcade

10-001-S5-I432 - The Struggle for Choice

10-001-S5-I274 - Abortion: a woman’s right

10-001-S5-I234 - Tribunal on Abortion, Contraception, and Sterilization

10-001-S5-I158 - Day of Action for Choice on Abortion / Jour d’Action pour le droit à l’avortement

10-001-S5-I155 - International Day of Action for Contraception, Abortion and No Forced Sterilization

10-001-S5-I83 - Speak out for Choice: The Abortion law on trial

4. 10-001-S6 Canadian Women’s Movement Archives Collection – Series 6: Conferences

10-001-S6-SS5-F4 - Cross Canada Abortion Conference

5. 10-001-S7 Canadian Women’s Movement Archives Collection – Series 7: Women’s Liberation


10-001-S7-I4 - Abortion Eve, Nanny Goat Productions, Laguna Beach.

10-001-S7-I3 - Abortion: a woman’s right!, League for Socialist Action by Ann Fianer, Angela Michelson, Sabina Roberts
10-001-S7-I2 - Abortion: a study, Board of Evangelism and Social Work and the Board of Women of the Division of Congregational Life and Work of the United Church of Canada

6. 10-001-S8-SS12 Canadian Women’s Movement Archives Collection – Series 8, Subseries 12: Textiles: Pro Choice/Abortion

10-001-S8-SS12 Pro-Choice/Abortion

7. 10-011-S10 Canadian Women’s Movement Archives Collection – Series 10: Ephemera

10-001-S10-F22 - Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinic (OCAC)
10-001-S10-F6-I13 - I'm pro-choice... and I vote!
10-001-S10-F35-I3 - Free to be myself all of the time - Volume 3
10-001-S10-F12-I6 - Birth Control Pledge-A-Thon pledge card
10-001-S10-F10-I2 - Canadian Women's coalition "Abortion - a woman's right to choose" plastic bag

8. 10-001-S11-SS1 Canadian Women’s Movement Archives Collection – Series 11, Subseries 1: Various Resources, Women’s Issues by Subject

10-001-S11-SS1-F2 – Abortion

Other relevant fonds:

1. 10-002 Canadian Women's Movement Archives (CWMA) fonds

10-002-S19-SS1-F29 - Abortion - legal aspects

2. 10-112 Nancy Ruth Fonds

10-112-S30-I94 - Never Again: Safe & Legal Abortion For All Women
10-112-S30-I4 - Abortion is a Woman’s Choice
10-112-S27-SS1-I7 - Canadian Abortion Rights Action League (CARAL)
10-112-S25-F3 - Newspaper clippings on abortion
10-112-S15-SS1-F1 - National Progressive Conservative Women's Federation (NPCWF) - Memorandum on the views of women and the Supreme Court on abortion
10-112-S11-SS2-F2 - Abortion - three letters on the legalization of free-standing abortion clinics

3. 10-014 Nellie Langford Rowell Library collection

10-014-S2-F962 - York University - York Ad Hoc Committee Against HLI [Human Life International]
10-014-S2-F898 - York University - Centre for Continuing Education
10-014-S2-F682 - Sudbury Women's Centre / Centre des femmes de Sudbury
10-014-S2-F530 - Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics (OCAC)
10-014-S2-F477 - National Film Board (NFB) / Office national du film (ONF)
10-014-S2-F371 - International Socialists
10-014-S2-F228 - Concerned Citizens for Choice on Abortion (CCCA)
10-014-S2-F120, F121 - Canadian Abortion Rights Action League (CARAL)
10-014-S2-F8 - Abortion - Morgentaler Clinic bombing - Leaflet "Remember"
Note: To find the relevant files in the following fonds, please consult the AtoM database available at: https://biblio.uottawa.ca/atom/index.php/

4.10-006 Helen Levine Fonds
5. 10-017 Myrna Wood fonds
6. 10-024 National Action Committee on the Status of Women Fonds (Note: This fonds is only partially processed. A preliminary file list is available)
7. 10-025 - Canadian Women's Studies Association (CWSA) fonds
8. 10-028 Business and Professional Women's Club of Ottawa fonds
9. 10-033 Ottawa Women's Centre Fonds
10. 10-044 Canadian Congress for Learning Opportunities for Women (CCLOW) Quebec fonds
11. 10-045 British Columbia Federation of Women (BCFW) Fonds
12. 10-048 Women's March Against Poverty 1996 and World March of Women 2000 fonds
13. 10-058 Women Working with Immigrant Women fonds
14.10-066 Broadside Fonds
15.10-067 Pamela Andrews Collection
16. 10-063 Upstream Fonds
17.10-073 Ashley Turner Fonds (Note: Fonds is only partially described)
18. 10-075 Deborah Yaffe Collection
19. 10-093 Montreal Health Press Fonds