Thematic Guides: Black women

This guide provides researchers interested in Black women 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 AtoM, some collections and fonds are only available as a PDF. For access to these documents, please contact arcs@uottawa.ca.

List of terms

Black women
Black feminism
Women of colour
African / Afro-

Cross references to related thematic guides

Racism
Immigrant women
Minority Groups
List of related holdings:

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-F43 Afro-Caribbean Alternative Secondary School (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F181 Black Women for Progress (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F182 Black Women’s Collective (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F599 Coalition of Immigrant Women and Women of Colour for Peace (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F681 Congress of Black Women of Canada (CBWC) / Congrès des femmes noires du Canada
10-001-S1-F708 Da Juice (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F968 Focus on Black Women / Plein feu sur les femmes noires (Ottawa, ON)
10-001-S1-F983 Friends of TAMWA (Tanzania Media Women’s Association, Ottawa, ON)
10-001-S1-F984 Friends of Winsom (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F994 Gallery 940
10-001-S1-F1055 Grass Roots Network (Gay and Lesbian people of colour)
10-001-S1-F681-I1 Impetus - The Black Woman: Proceedings of the Fourth National Congress of Black
10-001-S1-F2027 National Congress of Black Women
10-001-S1-F1172 Herland: a feminist film and video celebration
10-001-S1-F1240 International Women of Colour and Third World Women Film / Video Festival and Symposium (Vancouver, BC)
10-001-S1- F1241 International Women's Day - Calgary, Alberta
10-001-S1-F1541 Lesbians of Colour (LOC, Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F1715 Metro Coalition for Police Reform
10-001-S1-F1771 Nairobi Outreach Group (NS)
10-001-S1-F2297 Ontario Coalition of Black Trade Unionists – Women’s Issues Committee (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F3043 Sepia Productions (Ebony Voices)
10-001-S1-F3110 Sister Vision Press
10-001-S1-F3174 Sweet Honey In The Rock (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F3233 Toronto Black Women’s Collective (Toronto, ON)
10-001-S1-F3417 University of Toronto - Black Women at U of T and O.I.S.E. (BWAUTO)
2. 10-001-S2 Canadian Women’s Movement Archives Collection – Series 2: Individuals

10-001-S2-SS3-F40 Robinson, Patricia. "Poor Black Women"

10-001-S2-SS98-F2 Oikawa, Mona “Physical and Verbal attack by Police officer a lone black woman in a car on an isolated section of Markham road”

3. 10-001-S4 Canadian Women’s Movement Archives Collection – Series 4: Buttons

10-001-S4-I306 International Women’s Day

4. 10-001-S8-SS10 Canadian Women’s Movement Archives Collection – Series 8, Subseries 4: Textiles

10-001-S8-SS4-I6 Congress of Black Women

5. 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-F4 Black Women

6. 10-008 Toronto Wages for Housework Committee fonds

10-008-S4-F1 Black Women Wages for Housework (New York): leaflets, reports and articles

10-008-S4-F2 Black Women Wages for Housework, (Canada): pamphlets, transcriptions of talks

7. 0-006 Helen Levine fonds

10-006-S3-SS5-F280 Robinson, Christine R. - "Black Women: A Tradition of Self-Reliant Strength"

8. 10-014 Nellie Langford Rowell Library collection

10-014-S2-F232 Congress of Black Women of Canada
10-014-S2-F578 Pergamon Press, Inc.
10-014-S2-F631 Sage: scholarly journal on black women
10-014-S2-F409 Lesbian & Bisexual Women of Colour
10-014-S2-F604 Real Eyes: the Vision
10-014-S2-F972 York University - York University Student Centre (“the Women of Colour: lets meet”)

9. 10-022 World Inter-Action Mondiale Fonds

10-022-S2-SS1 Sistren Theatre Collective

10. 10-047 Fireweed Fonds

10-047-S2-F4 Issue 16: guest collective

11. 10-048 Women Working with Immigrant Women fonds

10-058-S8-SS5-F43 Women of Colour Working in Women's and Community Services

12. 10-112 Nancy Ruth Fonds

10-112-S30-I42 Women Unite (button)

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