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## Finding Aid - Sterling Prize collection (F-175)

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## Summary information

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Repository:	Simon Fraser University Archives and Records Management Department
Title:	Sterling Prize collection
ID:	F-175
Date:	1993 - 2003 (date of creation)
Physical description:	13 cm of textual records
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

The University Archives acquires, preserves and makes available three categories of materials: (1) the official records of the University, including those created by the Board of Governors, Senate, University committees, faculties, departments and administrative offices; (2) materials documenting the wider University community; and (3) historical research collections that promote the teaching and research activities of the University. The Archives was established within the University Library in 1968 when librarian Liisa Fagerlund was appointed University Archivist on a half-time basis. She continued in this post until 1975 when she left the University. From 1975 to 1978, the Archives functioned within the Special Collections division of the Library. Archival duties were carried out by various library staff members. In 1978, the University Archives was established as a separate administrative unit outside of the Library. Donald Baird, recently retired as University Librarian, became University Archivist and held this position until his retirement in 1990. Jim Ross served as University Archivist from 1991 to 1993, and was succeeded by Ian Forsyth in 1994.

When the Archives was a function of the University Library, the University Archivist reported to the University Librarian. When the Archives was established as a separate administrative unit, the University Archivist reported directly to the University President. The reporting structure changed in 1986 when the University Archivist reported to the Vice-President, Research/Information Systems; in 1990, when the University Archivist reported to the Associate Vice-President, Academic; and in 1996, when the University Archivist reported to the Registrar/Dean of Students.

## Scope and content

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The Archives established the Sterling Prize Collection in 2000 at the suggestion of Professor Ted Sterling, who, with his wife Nora, established the Sterling Prize for Controversy in 1993. According to the terms of reference for the prize, it may be given for work in any field including—but not limited to—fine arts, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and education. The primary aim of the prize is to encourage daring, creative, controversial, unconventional, and non-traditional work at SFU that also meets high standards and is morally and ethically sound. An ancillary aim is to encourage the study, at SFU, of the role of the controversial. The prize is normally awarded to a member of the SFU community—students, faculty, staff, or alumni. The winner is selected by the Sterling Prize Committee, composed of faculty, student and staff representatives.

Dr. Sterling, Professor Emeritus at SFU, was the founder of the University's computing science program in 1973, and is an expert in computational epidemiology and the social implications of computing. He was awarded an honorary degree by SFU in 2001.

For further information on Ted and Nora Sterling and the Sterling Prize, see the file "Background Information."

In 2000, the archivist asked each previous Sterling Prize winner to give the Archives a copy of his or her Sterling Prize lecture. Some winners were able to supply a prepared text; other winners spoke from notes and supplied these. The archivist added more information to the files including announcements, press releases, articles from Simon Fraser News, print-outs from the Sterling Prize website, (<http://www.sfu.ca/sterlingprize/>) and other documents.

SFU Media and Public Relations gave the Archives a cassette copy of Russel Ogden's lecture for 1995. Please note that there was no prize winner for 1996.

For a list of speakers included in the collection, see Access Points.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- Source of title proper: Archivist created title from name of prize.

### Immediate source of acquisition

Created by the Archives in 2000.

### Arrangement

Files arranged by the archivist.

### Finding aids

A file list is available.

## Related material

See website, <http://www.sfu.ca/sterlingprize/>.

## Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

## Other notes

- Publication status: published
- Level of detail: Full
- Status description: Revised

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## Access points

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- Sterling, Nora (subject)
- Sterling, Ted (subject)
- Copes, Parzival (subject)
- Ogden, Russel (subject)
- John Lowman (subject)
- Winston, Mark (subject)
- Fattah, Ezzat A. (subject)
- Kimura, Doreen (subject)
- Mauser, Gary (subject)
- Crawford, Charles (subject)
- Punja, Zamir (subject)

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## Series descriptions

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### Series F-175-1: Background information and prize winners

Date: 1993 - 2003 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Contains terms of reference for the Sterling Prize materials and individual files on each prize winner.

Physical description: 13 cm of textual records  
One cassette

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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F-175-1-0-0-1	File - Background information	1993 - 2002	Open	175-1
F-175-1-0-0-2	File - Parzival Copes	1994	Open	175-1
F-175-1-0-0-3	File - Russel Ogden	1995	Open	175-1
F-175-1-0-0-4	File - John Lowman	1997	Open	175-1
F-175-1-0-0-5	File - Mark Winston	1998	Open	175-1
F-175-1-0-0-6	File - Ezzat Fattah	1999	Open	175-1
F-175-1-0-0-7	File - Doreen Kimura	2000	Open	175-1
F-175-1-0-0-8	File - Gary Mauser	2001	Open	175-1
F-175-1-0-0-9	File - Charles Crawford	2002	Open	175-1
F-175-1-0-0-10	File - Zamir Punja	2003	Open	175-1