

Abstracts of Masters Theses in Archival Studies at Canadian Universities

Volume 21 of *Archivaria* included abstracts of the first ten theses completed at the University of British Columbia's Master of Archival Studies program. Volume 27 updated the list with a further twelve thesis abstracts from UBC. Since those lists were published, changes have occurred within the Canadian archives education field: English-language archives programs are available now at the University of Manitoba's Department of History and the University of Toronto's Faculty of Information Studies while the archives program available through the University of Windsor (in conjunction with Wayne State University in Detroit) has folded. French-language archival studies programs continue to thrive at the Université de Montréal and the Université Laval.

Of the various archival studies programs available in Canada, only three allow for or require Master level theses: the University of British Columbia (now optional), the University of Toronto¹ (optional) and the University of Manitoba (required). Theses completed at the universities of British Columbia and Manitoba represent a significant body of original research for the archival profession in Canada and internationally. While articles often flow from Master level theses, rarely are these theses published as monographs. In the interests of making this body of knowledge more widely known, *Archivaria* is continuing to publish Master level thesis abstracts.

The abstracts that appear over the next number of pages have been very lightly edited to correct obvious typographical, spelling or grammatical errors. However, they appear largely word for word as written by each student.

Separate introductory essays by the current program directors set the thesis and abstracts in their educational and historical contexts.

¹ The thesis option for the MIST Degree was approved and instituted for the academic year 2002–2003. The first archives thesis topic was approved in 2003 and the completed thesis will be submitted in the Spring, 2004.

