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Summary information

Repository: Dalhousie University Archives
Title: Our Voices Matter Oral History Collection
Reference code: MS-13-88
Date: 2010-2011 (date of creation)
Language: English
Physical description: 21 optical discs: DVD, sd., col.
54.4 GB of moving images and textual records

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) was founded in 1918. It is one of the oldest voluntary organizations in Canada. CMHA promotes the mental health of all and supports the resilience and recovery of people experiencing mental illness. The CMHA accomplishes this mission through advocacy, education, research and service. CMHA branches across Canada provide a wide range of services and supports to people who are experiencing mental illness and their families.

The Canadian Mental Health Association, Halifax-Dartmouth Branch works at the community level and facilitates access to the resources people require to maintain and improve mental health, community integration and resilience. CMHA Halifax-Dartmouth supports the recovery of people living with mental illness through its social support programs and initiatives.

Custodial history

Materials were donated to the University Archives in 2012. Prior to that, they were in the custody of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Halifax-Dartmouth Branch.

Scope and content

Collection consists of 16 DVDs, 5 CD-ROMs, and 54.4 GB of digital video and electronic transcriptions. The collection contains oral histories given by mental health consumers that span the second half of the twentieth century to the present. Some videos are accompanied by a transcription of the interview. The Our Voices Matter Project is an initiative of the Canadian Mental Health Association Halifax-Dartmouth Branch. The purpose of the Project is to offer older mental health consumers living in Halifax Regional Municipality the opportunity of leaving a permanent record of their lives. The Project collects oral histories from individuals interested in sharing their personal perspective on the evolving social and mental health environments. Involvement in the project is voluntary and any
participant may withdraw from the process at any time and have all records destroyed during and up to the end of the project. The project is sponsored by the Canadian Mental Health Association Halifax-Dartmouth Branch and funded by the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness and Halifax Regional Municipality.

Notes

Title notes

Alternative form available

Digital videos and audio recordings are available online. DVDs and CD-ROMs are available for viewing in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room.

Restrictions on access

There are no access restrictions on these materials.

Conditions governing use

DVDs and CD-ROMs do not circulate and must be used in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room.

Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

Other notes

• Publication status: Published

Access points

• Moving images (electronic) (documentary form)
• Textual record (documentary form)
• Textual record (electronic) (documentary form)
• Halifax (N.S.)--Social life and customs (subject)
• Medical archives (subject)
• Mental health (subject)
• Oral history--Canada (subject)
• Social service--Nova Scotia (subject)
• Dartmouth (N.S.)--Social life and customs (subject)
• Dartmouth (N.S.) (place)
Collection holdings

Series: Interviews
Title: Interviews

File: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0001DVD - Interview with Stanley MacEachern

Creator: MacEachern, Stanley
Creator: Quon, Anna
Title: Interview with Stanley MacEachern
Reference code: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0001DVD
Date: August 20, 2010 (date of creation)
Scope and content:

File consists of video recordings and an electronic transcript of an interview with Stanley MacEachern. The interview was conducted by Anna Quon at the Belmont House on August 20, 2010. This was the first interview conducted as part of the Canadian Mental Health Association Halifax-Dartmouth Branch's Our Voices Matter Project. The interview touches on a wide range of topics, including Stanley's childhood in Oshawa, Ontario, life in Nova Scotia, experiences with depression and medication, work and travels, and other aspects of his personal life.

Physical description: 1 optical disc (1 hr., 32 min., 44 sec.) : DVD+R, digital, col., sd.. - 1 moving image (avi) (1 hr., 32 min., 44 sec.) : digital, col., sd.. - 1 moving image (mpeg) (1 hr., 32 min., 44 sec.) : digital, col., sd.. - 41 pages (PDF/A)

Item: Transcript of an interview with Stanley MacEachern

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Date: August 20, 2010 (date of creation)
Scope and content:

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in Oshawa, Ontario, life in Nova Scotia, experiences with depression and medication, work and travels, and other aspects of his personal life.

Physical description: 41 pages (pdf)

Item: Video interview with Stanley MacEachern

Title: Video interview with Stanley MacEachern
Date: August 20, 2010 (date of creation)
Scope and content:
Item is a video recording of an interview with Stanley MacEachern. The interview was conducted by Anna Quon at the Belmont House on August 20, 2010. This was the first interview conducted as part of the Canadian Mental Health Association Halifax-Dartmouth Branch's Our Voices Matter Project. The interview touches on a wide range of topics, including Stanley's childhood in Oshawa, Ontario, life in Nova Scotia, experiences with depression and medication, work and travels, and other aspects of his personal life.

Physical description: 1 moving image (mpeg) (1 hr., 32 min., 44 sec.) : digital, col., sd.

Alternative form available:
Item can be viewed on the <a href="http://youtu.be/o4y-Z0uIfsg?list=PL8JKeGVUXmMADUmM808N0gAakSE03Am98">Dalhousie University Archives YouTube channel</a>. Item is also available on a DVD in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room. An AVI file is <a href="http://dalspace.library.dal.ca/handle/10222/35418">available for download in DalSpace</a>.

File: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0002DVD - Interview with Ruth Dorey

Creator: Dorey, Ruth
Creator: Quon, Anna
Title: Interview with Ruth Dorey
Reference code: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0002DVD
Date: September 2, 2010 (date of creation)
Scope and content:
File consists of video and audio recordings and partial transcripts of two interviews with Ruth Dorey. The interview was conducted by Anna Quon at the Belmont House on September 2, 2010 and at the Bloomfield Centre on September 16, 2010. This was the second interview conducted as part of the Our Voices Matter Project. The interview touches on a wide range of topics, including Ruth's childhood in Halifax, Nova Scotia, experiences with dissociative disorder, and other aspects of her personal life. The first interview was video recorded and a second supplementary interview
was audio recorded. File contains a complete transcription of the audio interview; a transcription of the video interview is not available.

**Physical description**: 1 optical disc (1 hr., 4 min., 48 sec.) : DVD+R, digital, col., sd.. - 1 moving image (avi) (1 hr., 4 min., 48 sec.) : digital, col., sd.. - 1 moving image (mpeg) (1 hr., 4 min., 48 sec.) : digital, col., sd.. - 1 sound recording (mp3) (24 min., 1 sec.) : digital, sd.. - 12 pages (PDF/A)

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**File: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0003DVD - Interview with Wayne Schnare**

**Creator**: Roper, Susan  
**Creator**: Schnare, Wayne  
**Title**: Interview with Wayne Schnare  
**Reference code**: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0003DVD  
**Date**: September 7, 2010 (date of creation)  
**Scope and content**:  
File contains a video and partial transcript of an interview with Wayne Schnare. The interview was conducted by Susan Kilbride Roper at the Belmont House on September 7, 2010. This was the third interview conducted as part of the Our Voices Matter Project. The interview touches on a wide range of topics, including Wayne's childhood in Middleton, Nova Scotia, experiences with anxiety and depression, and other aspects of his personal life.

**Physical description**: 1 optical disc (1 hr., 28 min.) : DVD+R, digital, col., sd.. - 1 moving image (avi) (1 hr., 28 min.) : digital, col., sd.. - 1 moving image (mpeg) (1 hr., 28 min.) : digital, col., sd.

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**File: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0004DVD - Interview with Don Mullins**

**Creator**: Mullins, Don  
**Creator**: Quon, Anna  
**Title**: Interview with Don Mullins  
**Reference code**: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0004DVD  
**Date**: September 22, 2010 (date of creation)  
**Scope and content**:  
File consists of video recordings and a transcription of an interview with Don Mullins. The interview was conducted by Anna Quon at the Belmont House on September 22, 2010. This was the fourth interview conducted as part of the Our Voices Matter Project. The interview touches on a wide range of topics, including Don's childhood in Halifax, Nova Scotia, experiences with cerebral palsy and depression, and other aspects of his personal life.
File: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0005DVD - Interview with John Paterson

Creator: Paterson, John
Creator: Quon, Anna
Title: Interview with John Paterson
Reference code: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0005DVD
Date: October 19, 2010 (date of creation)
Scope and content:

File consists of video recordings and a transcription of an interview with John Paterson. The interview was conducted by Anna Quon at the Gorsebrook Institute on the Saint Mary’s University Campus on October 19, 2010. This was the fifth interview conducted as part of the Our Voices Matter Project. The interview touches on a wide range of topics, including John's childhood in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, experiences with anxiety and depression, and other aspects of his personal life.

Physical description: 1 optical disc (1 hr., 22 min., 13 sec.) : DVD+R, digital, col., sd.. - 1 moving image (avi) (1 hr., 22 min., 13 sec.) : digital, col., sd.. - 1 moving image (mpeg) (1 hr., 22 min., 13 sec.) : digital, col., sd.. - 42 pages (PDF/A)

File: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0006DVD - Interview with Jim Brennan

Creator: Brennan, Jim
Creator: Hooper, Graham
Title: Interview with Jim Brennan
Reference code: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0006DVD
Date: January 26, 2011 (date of creation)
Scope and content:

File contains videos of an interview with Jim Brennan. The interview was conducted by Graham Hooper at the Belmont House on December 19, 2010 and January 26, 2011. This was the sixth interview conducted as part of the Our Voices Matter Project. The interview touches on a wide range of topics, including Jim's childhood, experiences with the mental health system, and other aspects of his personal life.
File: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0007DVD - Interview with Roy Muise

Creator: Hooper, Graham
Creator: Muise, Roy
Title: Interview with Roy Muise
Reference code: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0007DVD
Date: January 14, 2011 (date of creation)
Scope and content:
File contains video recordings and a partial transcription of an interview with Roy Muise. The interview was conducted by Graham Hooper on January 14, 2011. This was the seventh interview conducted as part of the Our Voices Matter Project. The interview touches on a wide range of topics, including Roy's childhood in Berwick, Nova Scotia, experiences with the mental health system, and other aspects of his personal life.

Physical description: 1 optical disc (2 hr., 46 min., 21 sec.) : DVD+R, digital, col., sd.
**File: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0010DVD - Interview with Betrina Tremonica**

**Creator:** Hooper, Graham  
**Creator:** Tremonica, Betrina  
**Title:** Interview with Betrina Tremonica  
**Reference code:** MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0010DVD  
**Date:** August 9, 2011 (date of creation)  
**Scope and content:**

File contains a video recording of an interview with Betrina Tremonica. The interview was conducted by Graham Hooper on August 9, 2011. This was the eleventh interview conducted as part of the Our Voices Matter Project. The interview touches on a wide range of topics, including Betrina’s childhood, experiences with the mental health system, Betrina’s poetry, and other aspects of her personal life.


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**File: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0011DVD - Interview with Shan MacDonald**

**Creator:** MacDonald, Shan  
**Creator:** Quon, Anna  
**Title:** Interview with Shan MacDonald  
**Reference code:** MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0011DVD  
**Date:** September 29, 2010 (date of creation)  
**Scope and content:**

File contains videos of an interview with Shan MacDonald. The interview was conducted by Anna Quon at the Belmont House in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia on September 29, 2010. This was the eleventh interview conducted as part of the Our Voices Matter Project. The interview touches on a wide range of topics, including Shan’s childhood in Victoria, British Columbia, her family life, experiences with manic episodes and depression, and other aspects of her personal life.

**Physical condition:**

1 optical disc (1 hour, 14 min., 58 sec.) : DVD+R, digital, col., sd.

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**File: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0012DVD - Interview with Steve Ayer**
Creator: Ayer, Steve
Creator: Hooper, Graham
Title: Interview with Steve Ayer
Reference code: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0012DVD
Date: July 15, 2011 (date of creation)

Physical condition:
1 optical disc (2 hours, 9 min., 28 sec.) : DVD+R, digital, col., sd.

File: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0013DVD (3 discs) - Interview with Dani Himmelman
Creator: Himmelman, Dani
Creator: Hooper, Graham
Title: Interview with Dani Himmelman
Reference code: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0013DVD (3 discs)
Date: November 16, 2011 - January 16, 2012 (date of creation)
Physical description: 3 optical discs (time) : DVD+R, digital, col., sd.

File: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0014DVD - Interview with Anne Marie Elderkin
Creator: Elderkin, Anne Marie
Creator: Quon, Anna
Title: Interview with Anne Marie Elderkin
Reference code: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0014DVD
Date: March 13, 2012 (date of creation)

File: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0015DVD - Interview with Sass Minard
Creator: Minard, Sass
Creator: Quon, Anna
Title: Interview with Sass Minard
Reference code: MS-13-88, Box 1, OVMV0015DVD
Date: March 7, 2012 (date of creation)