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Abstract

Blanche Lemco van Ginkel is a retired architect and Professor Emerita at the University of Toronto. The collection consists biographical information about van Ginkel and her career, some of her publications, professional project information, articles and research materials about the history of women in architecture in Canada.

Creator

Van Ginkel, Blanche Lemco, 1923-2022

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Blanche Lemco van Ginkel was born in 1923. She graduated from McGill University in Canada with a Bachelor of Architecture in 1945 and from Harvard University with a Masters in City Planning in 1950.

She is a retired partner of the architectural firm of Van Ginkel Associates, Architects and Town Planners in Toronto, begun in 1957, as well as a Professor Emerita at the University of Toronto. In 1948 she worked with Le Corbusier in Paris before coming to the University of Pennsylvania in 1951-1957. Her work at Van Ginkel Associates includes designs for historic Bowring Park in St. John's, Newfoundland, the Port of Montreal, working as a consultant in Expo'67 Montreal as well as various residential and town planning projects in Canada and abroad.

Van Ginkel is a Fellow in the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (FRAIC), a member of Ontario Association of Architects, a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners, an associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects, a member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, and an Honorary Fellow of the American Institute of Architects (Hon. FAIA). She was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University in Aix-Marseille in 2005. She is also a founding member and has served as an advisor to the International Archives of Women in Architecture (IAWA).

Van Ginkel died in 2022.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of biographical materials about Blanche Lemco van Ginkel and material she has written, her professional projects, and collected research about women in architecture. Personal information includes curriculum vitae, newspaper and magazine articles about her, some of her publications about architectural planning and women architects, and selected letters and speaking notes she made during the course of her career. These include speeches to professional organizations in which she is involved and her letter protesting the unequal pensions paid to female professors by the University of Toronto. Professional project information includes project bulletins from her firm. There is also a collection of research notes, papers, and exhibition notices about the history of women in architecture in Canada, some of which were compiled and written by Mary Clark.

Related Archival Material

More information about Blanche Lemco van Ginkel's architectural career is held in the collections of the archives at the Collection Centre Canadien d'Architecture-Canadian Centre for Architecture, Montreal (CCA). It holds the administrative and project records of the firm Van Ginkel Associates, 1955-1980, AP027 and documents of van Ginkel's professional career.

The University of Toronto also has the Blanche Lemco van Ginkel fonds, UTA 1924

Keywords

Architects

International Archive of Women in Architecture (IAWA)

Women architects -- Canada

Women -- History

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by material type in the following order: biographical information and articles by and about van Ginkel, professional project work, and materials about Canadian women architects.

Description of Subordinate Components

Curriculum vitae and biographical information

Unit Date 1987-2001

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Articles written about van Ginkel

Unit Date 1956-2003, 2013

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Articles written by van Ginkel

Unit Date 1961-1993

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Letters and speeches written by van Ginkel

Unit Date 1972-2002

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Program and speeches from Honorary Doctorate ceremony in Aix

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Correspondence with Milka Bliznakov about women architects and IAWA

Unit Date 1988-2010

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Plans for CIAM X project submission

Unit Date 1956

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Project brochure, Montreal International Airport

Unit Date 1968

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Project brochure, Beaver Hall Square, Reclaimed

Unit Date 1971

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Press release materials for the exhibit For the Record: Ontario Women Graduates in Architecture, 1920-1960, organized by Mary Clark

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Paper, Women Graduates in Architecture from Canadian Universities, with preliminary overview written by Mary Clark of University of Toronto

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Paper, Registration of Women Architects in Canada and survey results, written by Mary Clark of University of Toronto

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Biographical information on University of Toronto women graduates in architecture from 1920-1960

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Joan Burt

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Lennox Grafton

Joan Robinson Grierson

Jean Hall

Elizabeth Lalor Harding

Katharine Jefferys Helm

Marjorie Hill

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Natalie Salkauskis Liacas

Ann Gauthier Malott

Monica Nomberg

Joanna Barclay de Tolly Ozdowski

Ruthetta Kaplan Reiss

Shelagh Macdonnell Rounthwaite

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