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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books
Title:	Stan Persky fonds
ID:	MsA 15
Date:	1967 (date of creation)
Physical description:	0.5 cm of textual records
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Stan Persky (born 19 January 1941) is a Canadian writer, media commentator and philosophy instructor. Persky was born in Chicago, Illinois. As a teenager, he made contact with and received encouragement from Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg and other writers of the Beat Generation. Persky served in the United States Navy, and then settled in San Francisco, California in the early 1960s, becoming part of a group of writers that included Jack Spicer, Robert Duncan, Robin Blaser and George Stanley. In 1966, Persky moved to Vancouver, Canada, and attended the University of British Columbia, receiving degrees in anthropology and sociology. He became a Canadian citizen in 1972. During the 1960s and '70s, he was prominent as a student and civic activist, was an early staff member of the alternative newspaper *The Georgia Straight*, and co-founder with Dennis Wheeler of the "Georgia Straight Writing Supplement," which eventually became *New Star Books*. After university, Persky worked at Vancouver Mental Patients Association and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation before becoming a college instructor. Since 1983, he has worked primarily at Capilano University in North Vancouver, first in political studies and then in philosophy. Since 1990, Persky has resided part-time in Vancouver and in Berlin, Germany. He worked as a media commentator for the CBC, a literary columnist for *The Globe and Mail* and *The Vancouver Sun*, and has written for *The Body Politic*, *This Magazine*, *New Directions*, *Saturday Night*, *Sodomite Invasion Review*, *Books in Canada* and most recently *The Tyee*. He is also a frequent contributor to *Dooney's Cafe*. Stan Persky is a long-time Vancouver public intellectual and literary activist.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of manuscript, galley proofs and published version of Perskys book of poetry, Lives of the French Symbolist Poets (1967).

Notes

Title notes

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Printed inventory available.

Other notes

- Publication status: published
 - Level of detail: Full
 - Status description: Published
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Access points

- Persky, Stan (subject)
 - Textual record (documentary form)
 - Arts and culture (subject)
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Series descriptions
