

Welcome to the Lynn Jones African Canadian & Diaspora Heritage Collection!

This is a special collection housed at the University Archives. The Collection documents the lives of Dr. Lynn Jones (C.M.), her family, and over 50 years of African, African Diasporic and African Nova Scotian heritage and history.

How do I access the collection?

The physical material can be accessed by visiting us on the third floor of the Patrick Power Library during our open hours:

- Monday, Tuesday, and Friday: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday and Thursday: 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Or by contacting the Archives via email (archives@smu.ca) to book an appointment!

A finding aid with more details on the collection is on the [MemoryNS website](#).

A [Lynn Jones fonds inventory](#), with a list of files organized by subjects is available.

Our [library's digital repository](#) includes scanned samples from Lynn's personal collection and the newspaper clipping collection.

Why isn't everything digitized and available online?

The Region of Peel's archives (part of PAMA) answers this question in this [blog post](#)

How should I handle the physical materials?

The scrapbooks and newspaper clippings in the Lynn Jones collection can be very fragile. We ask that all researchers handle the material with patience and care. To prevent unnecessary damage, we ask that visitors wash their hands before touching the materials and keep all food and drink away from the workstation.

How should I cite the Lynn Jones material?

All references to the collection, or items in the collection, should be:

The Lynn Jones African Canadian & Diaspora Heritage Collection, Saint Mary's University Archives, Patrick Power Library, accession number 2016.001.1.

When citing specific items, you should include the box number, series name, and file name as appropriate. More information on citing archival material is in the library's [Style Guide and Citations page](#).

What can I bring with me to the archives?

We encourage researchers to come to the SMU archives, however we also want to ensure the care and safety of materials for further use!

You can bring:	You cannot bring
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laptop / tablet• Notebook and Research notes• Pencils and erasers• Your burning curiosity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water bottles / beverages• Food• Pens or other ink products

How do I use archival materials for my research?

As with all research, it is good to start with a **research topic** (who and what), and when dealing with historical material, a **date range** (when) and **location** (when) applicable. Our archives staff will be happy to help you with further details!