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Biographical Sketch: Eugene Stickland was born in Regina on September 24, 1956. He is the son of Leonard and Stella (Hunter) Stickland. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Honours in English at the University of Regina in 1980 and his Masters of Fine Arts in Theatre from York University in 1984. He is the father of artist Johanna Stickland who currently resides in Europe. He currently resides in Calgary.

He was Writer-in-Residence at St. Mary's University in Calgary from 2010 – 2016, where he continues to teach creative writing courses. From 2004 – 2009 Eugene wrote a feature weekly column for the *Calgary Herald*. He was Playwright-in-Residence at Alberta Theatre Projects from 1994 – 2004. He taught at the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College at the University of Regina in 1990-91. Stickland was Playwright-in-Residence at Act IV Theatre Co. in Toronto from 1984 to 1987 and Communications Coordinator at Frontier College in Toronto from 1984 to 1989. He was a freelance writer for radio and television from 1989 to 1992. He was also a Resident Playwright at the National Theatre School in Montreal and as a Canadian delegate to the World Interplay Theatre Festival for Young Playwrights he traveled to Townsville, Australia.

His productions include: *Appetite* (2000), *Closer and Closer Apart* (1999), *Noel de Force (Some Assembly Required* French translation by Rene Gingras and produced by Campaign Jean Duceppe) (1999), *The Hen House* (1986), *Quartet* (1998), *A Guide to Mourning*, (1998 and 2000), *Sitting on Paradise*, (1996 and 1999), *Excavations* (1995 and 2000) and *Some Assembly Required* (1994 and 1999). Two plays: *Sitting on Paradise* and *A Guide to Mourning* were published at Red Deer College Press in 1999 and *Some Assembly Required* with Coteau Books in 1995. *All Clear* was written in 2004 and translated into Arabic in 2009 and another play, *Queen Lear* was produced in Istanbul in Turkish translation, presented by Kenter Theatre in 2009. It ran for over two years in Istanbul and throughout Turkey.

Other publications include *Midlife* (2002), *Writer's Block* (2008) and *Queen Lear* (2010). His first novel, *The Piano Teacher* (2015) was awarded the W. O. Mitchell Award by the City of Calgary in 2016.

Awards include: the Betty Mitchell Award for the 1997-98 Season in the categories of Best New Play, Best Performance by a Supporting Actress (Val Pearson), Best Director (Bob White) and Outstanding Production of a Play for *A Guide to Mourning*; Governor-General's Award Drama finalist for *Some Assembly Required* in 1995; and Alberta Playwriting Award for *Excavations* in 1995; W.O Mitchell Award for *The Piano Teacher*, 2016.

He is a former Board member of Frontier College in Toronto, past president of the Alberta Playwrights' Network, a member of the Playwrights Union of Canada, as well as a Founding Member of the Auburn Theatre Practitioners Circle.

Edited by:
Eugene Stickland, 2017

Scope and Content: The collection consists of 1.82 metres of textual records relating mainly to drafts of Stickland's writing and to personal and professional correspondence. Included also are 14 floppy disks, 4 compact disks and 4 audio cassette tapes and 15 photographs/cards. The .wprd files on the floppy disks were converted into WORD.docx files and then printed. The disks remain in the folders. The dates in this collection range from 1988 to 2017.

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Box 1	1	Agreement Terms of Publication: The Best Canadian Essays – What Happens at the End	2014
	2	Artifacts Rubber Stamp: Some Assembly Required	n.d.
	3	Biographical Information and Resume	2009
	4	Contract Employment: St. Mary's University College	2012, 2014
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	5	All Exclusive Club El Swanko – Marty Lanigan and James Campbell	1989
	6	Anna ____	1988
	7	Birthday Cards (3 photographs)	
	8	Christmas Cards (4 photographs)	
	9	Complaint to Saskatchewan College of Physicians and Surgeons	1993
		Family	
	10	Family Members: from Sticklands to Eugene: Greeting Cards, letters	1988 - 1997
	11	Schiffler, Carrie	
	12	Stickland, Hanna: Cards to and from ... (2 photograph cards)	
	13	Stickland, Hanna: Clippings and Contract – Mode Model Agency	2005
	14	General (1 photograph)	
	15	In-Memorum Cards	
	16	Saragasso Theatre Productions Resignation, Authorization and Consent for Dissolution	1988
	17	Sympathy Card	
	18	Thank You Cards (8 photographs)	
	19	Tokaryk, Tim	1996
		Correspondence - Professional	
	20	Alberta Theatre Project 1995, 1998, 2004, 2006	
21	Banff Center – Donation of Queen Lear Play	2011	
22	Battleford Community Players	2006	
23	Canada's Who's Who – Biographical Proof, 1997, 1998, 2004, 2008		
24	Georgetown Little Theatre Productions	2007	
25	Minister of Culture	2013	
26	Public Lending Right Commission Registration Program	1996	
27	SPT Class of 2009-2010	2010	
28	Theatre Alberta – Library Lending Policy	2005	
29	Theatre Junction	n.d.	
30	Theatre Network – Closer and Closer Apart: Reconciliation and Royalties	2007	
31	University of Regina - President Bernard	2001	
	- Librarian – Carol Hixon	2008	
	- Archival Finding Aids, Agreements	2008	
32	University of Victoria - Re: Employment	2011	
33	Workshop Theatre Society	2003	

	Day Timers	
	34 2004, 2006 and 2009	
	35 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2016	
	36 2015 (10x10 Plan)	
	37 December 14, 2016 – February 2017	
	Drawings By	
Box 3	38 Eugene Stickland and Nick – Toaster on Chair	August 2005
	39 Selfismo, Enrigitto	2015
	40 Unknown	n.d
	Grants and Awards	
	41 Alberta Book Awards	2010
	42 Alberta Foundation for the Arts – Excavations	1998
	43 Art Ranch's Emerging Artists Creation Grant – The Baron of the Trees	1996
	44 Calgary Awards	2015
	Canada Council for the Arts:	
	45 Application Form and Guidelines	n.d
	46 Grants Application not Successful: 2005, 2009, 2010, 2016	
	47 To Complete the Play: Closer and Closer Apart	2007
	48 To Write the Play: All Clear	2003
	49 To Write the Play: Archives	2002
	50 To Write the Play: Ink	2014
	51 Governor General's Literary Awards – The Play: Some Assembly Required	1995
	52 W.O. Mitchell Book Prize – The Piano Teacher	2016
	53 Writers Guide of Alberta: Gwen Pharis Ringwood Award for Drama – Queen Lear	2009, 2010
	Legal Matters	
	54 Divorce Judgment	2006
	55 Estate of Grace Margaret Koepke	2008
	56 Motor Vehicle Accident	2010
	57 Miscellaneous	
	58 News Clipping about Eugene Stickland	
	59 Notebook: Piano Pieces I know by Heart	n.d
	60 Photograph – Image of Eugene Stickland	
	61 Planning Map for 2006	2006
	Professional Activities	
	Alberta Business and Educational Services (ABES)	
	62 Eugene's Introduction	2009
	63 Medical Device Reprocessing Technician Course (MDRT) 1303 Graduation (includes Compact Disk #1)	

Closed	64	SPT-IEP Intake 6 English (Essays and Grade Sheet)	2011
	65	Albertaviews	2009
		Alberta Theatre Projects	
	66	Artstrek 96	1996
	67	Bob Edwards Award Luncheon 2005, 2006, 2015	
	68	CEAD Playwright Exchange	1998
	69	Celebrity Hors d'Oeuvres	2006, 2007
	70	Cornerstone Play 2006/2007 Season	
	71	Memorandum of Agreement	1998
	72	Playrites Funds	
	73	Playwright's Round Table	1997, 1998
	74	Spikemark Meeting	1998
	75	Theatre Company List, Letter Head	2003
	76	Weekly Schedule	2003-2004
	77	Wood's Home Fundraising	1997
		Alberta Playwrights' Network	
	78	Draft	n.d
	79	Queen Lear – Workshop and Readings Acknowledgment (includes scripts)	2008
	80	Retreat	2006
Box 4	81	Alexander S. Onassis, Public Benefit Foundation	1996
	82	Balkwill, Peter – Sail Boy (Program, Working Copy, First and Third Draft)	2005
		Banff Centre	
	83	Alberta Short Term Residency	2006
	84	Performing Arts Residency Agreement (file includes agreement)	2011
	85	Bob White Interview	2008
		Calgary Board of Education	
	86	AHS Graduation Guest Speaker / Calgary Board of Education	2006
	87	Celebrate Western	2005
	88	Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank – Night with the Stars	1997
	89	Calgary International Spoken Word Festival	2005
	90	Calgary Learning Village Collaborative – Hope Art Project (include proof book and photograph card, cards and drawings by participants (folder includes Compact Disk #2)	2009
	91	Calgary Spoken Word Festival	2011
	92	Canada Council for the Arts – Alberta Literary Awards	2011
	93	Canada Show	2017
		Canadian Broadcasting Corporation	
Closed	94	Calgary - Poetry Face Off	2009
	95	Contract and License to Broadcast	2007
	96	The Millennium Symphony	1996
	97	Coteau Books: Publication of Some Assembly Required	1995
	98	Cowan Trudy: Clarence's Engine	2005
	99	Foundation Fighting Blindness – Re-discover Sight, Sound and Taste	2008
	100	Frontier College – 100 Anniversary Committee	1998
	101	Government of Saskatchewan – Minister of Industry and Resources	2002
		Ground Zero Theatre	
	102	Contract – Production: Writer's Block	2006
	103	The 10-Minutes Play Festival	2007
	104	Humanities in Healthcare Symposium - Draft	2014

	105	Jewish Theatre Committee of Toronto	1997
	106	Lunchbox Theatre – Stage One - Victoria and Elvis (includes contract)	1995, 1997, 1998
	107	Manhattan Class Company	1997
	108	Maya Media Inc.- Undertaking of Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Contract	2014
	109	MCC Theatre (folder includes 1prophylactic device)	1999
	120	Ming Short Film Festival Judge	n.d
Box 5	121	Moose Jaw Prairie Pens Writing Group	1992
Closed	122	Mount Royal College	1997
	123	Mracevich, Milovan	1997
	124	Opera at the Movies	November 2016
	125	Playwrights Guide of Canada – Services and Membership Information	2003
	126	Playwrights Union of Canada	1992-1998
	127	Poet as Playwright – Playwright as Poet	n.d
	128	Queen Elizabeth High School – Speaker to Journalism Class	2008
	129	Red Deer College Press – Publishing Stickland's: Sitting on Paradise, includes 3 photographs	1998
	130	Shadow Theatre Contract	2013
	131	Shelton, David	1995
	132	Singapore Surfboard – Singlish	2000
	133	St. Mary's University College Convocation 2011, 2015	2015
	134	The Quotation Project (Editor)	2017
	135	St. Stephen's Anglican Church	2006
	136	Theatre Alberta – Playworks Ink	2005
	137	Theatre Blitz	1998
	138	Theatre Network – Playwright Commission Contract for Closer and Closer Apart	2005
	139	Walking Upright Through Fire	2004
	140	Word Fest	2015
	141	York University	2013
	142	Young Women Christian Association – English as A Second Language	2008
	143	Professional Association Actra Fraternal Benefit Society	2002
		Promotional Material	
	144	Alberta Ballet in Our Canada	2017
	145	Alberta Theatre Projects: 1998, 2005, 2007	
	146	Buckets of Blood / Caffe Beano	
	147	First and Last – Comedy Play	2017
	148	Group Art Show – Oilmen's Review v. 5	2012
	149	Piano Teacher Queen Lear	2015
	150	Atilim University, Ankara, Turkey	2009
	151	Urban Curvz Theatre	2009
	152	Western Gold Theatre and St. Stephen's Anglican Church	2010
	153	Some Assembly Required	2006
Box 6	154	St. Mary's University College First and Last	2017
	155	Creative Writing: English 371 Drama	2010
	156	Drama Presents: Wrecked and The Shape of A Girl	2016

157	University Speakers Series 2013/2014	
158	Startdale Women's Group Inc. – Theatre Production of Committing	n.d
159	Theatre Alberta – Playbill Poster for 2006/2007 Schedule	
160	Theatre Network – Closer and Closer Apart (2 copies)	2006/2007
Publications Featuring Eugene Stickland		
161	All Stage Magazine	2010
162	Avenue Magazine, November 2006, October 2008	2006, 2008
163	Saskatchewan Playwrights Centre – Play Works 2010	2010
164	Swerve Fun Listings 2007, 2011, 2014 Theatre 100	2006
165	An Afterword	2006
166	Celebrating 100 Theatre Practitioners Over 100 Years	
167	Urban Lifestyle Magazine – Krave	2007
168	Window on the West (2 copies), Summer 2008	2008
Publications of Interest		
169	Grief's Courageous Journey – A Workbook by Sandi Caplan and Gordon Lang	1995
170	Literary Digest, vol.53, no. 20, November 11, 1916	1916
171	Royal Shakespeare Theatre – Midsummer Night's Dream	1977
172	Stratford: Shakespeare Festival – Visitors' Guide 2011	2011
173	The World of Wrestling by Barthes Roland	1972
Publicity Material		
174	Fusun Onal	n.d
Rental		
175	Landlord Inspection Report	
Royalty Statements		
176	Broadview Press 2002-2006, 2011, 2013 (includes Annual Reports: 2003, 2005)	
177	Rubbing: The Curse on Shakespeare's Grave	n.d.
Box 7	Travel	
178	Istanbul, Turkey	2009
Writing by Eugene Stickland		
179	All Clear – notes	2003
180	All is Black / All is White	
A Guide to Mourning		
181	Audio Cassette Tapes	
	#1 – A Guide to Mourning: Act 1, Act 2	
	#2 – A Guide to Mourning – Beatles Organ	
	#3 – Eugene: A Guide to Mourning	
	#4 – Eugene's Play (5 minutes)	
182	Compact Disk – November 21 – December 8, 2001 (includes Compact Disk # 3)	
183	Bad Grad: Celebration of Teen Angst Poetry	
Calgary Harold Column		

	184	Articles undated	
	185	Articles early 2002, 2003	
	186	Articles 2004	
	187	Articles 2005	
	188	Articles 2006	
	189	Articles 2007	
	190	Articles 2008	
	191	Articles 2009	
	192	Column Fan Mails	
	193	Closer and Closer Apart – Draft one	March 2006
	194	Cocktales – Draft	2002
Box 8	195	Darkness on the Edge of Town – Eugene’s Thesis for Master of Fine Arts at York University	1984
	196	East of Deerfoot – Draft	
	197	Excavations	2001
	198	Family Voices – Script for Parents	2010
		First and Last	
	199	First Draft	2016
	200	Volume 1, 2, 3 - Notebooks	2016
		Flight	
	201	Drawing Poem	2009
	202	First Draft	March 2009
		Floppy Disks	
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	221	Forgotten - Working Title	2009
	222	Ghost Stories, 4 th Version	August 2012
	223	Hockey Pool – Draft Three	1998
	224	In from the Cold (folder includes Compact Disk #4)	September 30, 2003
	225	Light Project	April 2009
	226	Lines Overheard in an Old Folk’s Home - Draft	n.d

	227	Little Story about Mean Mike	
	228	Man at Work – Draft, part 2	1990
	229	Midlife – Draft (2 copies)	
	230	Mood of the Mob – Draft one	August 2005
Box 13	231	Nocturnal Emissions	2017
		Piano Teacher	
	232	Final Draft	2015
	233	First Draft	2013
	234	The Piano Teacher Novel (2 copies)	2015
	235	Politics and the Canadian Artist – Draft	2011
		Queen Lear	
	236	Acknowledgement	2009
	237	Draft Two	2008
	238	Pumphouse Theatre Production Schedule	2009
	239	Quote – Poverty and Obscurity vs. A Real Job	
	240	The Agency – A 30 Minute Play for Radio	March 2007
	241	The Stone	
		Those White Things in the Ocean	2011
	242	First Draft – February 2011	
	243	Second Draft – August 2011	
	244	Third Draft – December 2011	
Box 14	245	Writer's Block – Draft one	April 2006
		Writing by Others	
	246	Craib, Mitch – Black	n.d
	247	Kelly, Dave – Locations in Contrition	2005
	248	Lightfoot, Gordon – Script Our Canada	2016
	249	Miles, Kirk – Rod Whitman (Working Title)	2008
	250	Perry, T.B – Achievement Test	n.d
	251	Roe, Aaron – Saint and Martyrs	n.d
	252	Stepland, Crune – Unknown Title	1991