COOK, TERRY  
(1947-2014)  
NATIONALITY: CANADIAN  
COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: CANADA

EDUCATION
- University of Alberta: B.A. in history, Edmonton, Alberta, 1969
- Carleton University: M.A. in history of ideas, Ottawa, Ontario, 1970
- Queen's University: Ph.D. in history of ideas, Kingston, Ontario, 1977

AREAS OF ARCHIVAL SPECIALIZATION
Appraisal; government records; history of archives and postmodern archives and the agency of the archivist in shaping the historical record.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN ARCHIVAL FIELD
Cook developed macro-appraisal while working at the National Archives of Canada.

CAREER HISTORY
- Archivist, Middle Manager, then Senior Manager, National Archives of Canada, 1975 – 1998
- Professor of Archival Studies, University of Manitoba, 1998 – 2012
- Adjunct Professor of Information and Archival Studies, University of Ottawa, 2010 – 2014

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY
Terry Cook was a Canadian archivist, born in 1947. He earned both a Masters and a Ph.D. in the History of Ideas. Starting in 1975 Cook worked at the Public Archives of Canada (now Library and Archives Canada), where he revolutionized the national archival system by developing and implementing macro-appraisal, “a method of appraisal that prioritizes the location of ‘archival value’ within the functional and structural contexts of record creation, and especially evidence therein of citizen-state interactions” (from Terry Cook e-mail message to author). Macro-appraisal has been widely adopted internationally. In 1998 Cook left the National Archives to teach Archival Studies at the University of Manitoba, until his semi-retirement in 2012. He worked as a consultant for archives and archival associations, conducted workshops, and delivered many lectures worldwide. Cook also made important contributions to archival literature, with special focus on archival theory and description, appraisal, the history of archives, digital records, and the postmodern archive. He published 5 books and over 80 articles in archival journals, and he served on the editorial boards for Archivaria (1981-1996 and 1999-2006) and The American Archivist (1991-2001). Cook was awarded with Fellowships of numerous professional organizations, including the
Association of Canadian Archivists, the Canadian Society of Office Automation Professionals, the Society of American Archivists, and the Royal Society of Canada.

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- Personal email from Terry Cook to author in September 2013, with his edited historical biography.

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