



“THE FIRST 40”

Below are the lists of the “first 40” theses, projects and extended essays completed by Simon Fraser University graduate students. Lists are by year, then alphabetically by author. Most, but not all, were in the Library lobby display for Fall 2005 Alumni Weekend and Convocation.

We have included the lists of projects and essays because some departments at the time did not offer the thesis option. Each list is slightly more than 40, because of duplication and unclarity in early records. In the earliest years of SFU, the distinction between a “thesis” and other Master’s degree options was not yet established. As well, Marian McGinn, retired, long-time Director of Graduate Records, one of the earliest staff in Student Services, tells stories about graduate students submitting theses before they were even registered with the “instant university.”

Thus, the staff at the Library Theses Office, in collaboration with the Office of Graduate Studies, have had to do our best with the incomplete and archived

records of the time. We cannot be certain the lists are entirely accurate, so please accept our apologies if you have been left off this list, or if there is an error in your name, year, or title. Please email thesis_assistant@sfu.ca to give us the correction. We will be glad to hear from you.

Why dust them off now?

In addition to contributing to the 40th anniversary celebration, we recommend these books to you for potential research ideas.

Professor Emeritus Paul Bakan used to tell his History of Psychology students that if they were in search of a research idea, “**Go back 40 years.**” Often, because of technological change in the field, he said, an idea that did not succeed before may well succeed now, simply because instruments of measurement are so improved. As well, so much social change over 40 years can make an idea or construct re-testable in today’s context, in comparison with previous results.

Some of these works are eerily relevant.
Many are simply fascinating in their own right.
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The First 40 Theses

Year	Author	Degree	Thesis Title	Call#
1966	Hew, Choy Leong	Masters	Comparative studies on an alien genome combinant structural investigation of starch components	QK 866 C4 H4
1966	Hofstra, Gerrit	PhD.	An approach to the study of the physiological control of translocation in higher plants.	QK 871 H6
1966	Lee, Weng Yek	Masters	Comparative studies of amylases in an alien genome combinant	QK 896 L4
1966	Mercer, Geoffrey	Masters	The political party organization in a federal riding : a case- study of Burnaby-Coquitlam	JL 4385 B8 M4
1966	Mulkay, Michael J.	Masters	The recruitment of scientists : a case study in Canada	Q 149 C2 M9
1966	Paulson, Ronald E.	Masters	Light and electron microscope investigations of the germination of Lactuca sativa L. embryos.	QK 495 C74 P3
1966	Thompson, Robert G.	Masters	Studies on translocation of photosynthetic products in young soybean plants using ¹⁴ CO ₂ and ³ H ₂ O	QK 882 T5
1966	Wallen, Donald G.	Masters	Permeation of single large cells of Nitella flexilis by amino acids and sugars	QK 867 W3
1967	Akpoboua, Komlan A.	Masters	Chemical control of blackflies (Diptera: simuliidae) : an evaluation of control practices, with discussion of the relevance of Canadian methods for controlling the vectors of onchocerciasis in Africa	RA 641 F6 A56
1967	Andruss, Van Arsdale.	Masters	The meeting of Hector and Achilles : a sportful combat. A study of the Boswell papers and Life of Johnson. The eyes of genius: a study of greatness in art.	PR 61 A6
1967	Florence, John B.	PhD.	Three contributions to the theory of recursively enumerable classes. --	QA 247 F53
1967	Hansen, William N.	Masters	Some explanations of the mechanism of economic growth. [Analysis of inflation in a closed economy. Research and development and competition. The income theory of balance of payments adjustment]. --	HB 34 H22
1967	Lee, Antonio C. H.	Masters	Photolyses of N-nitrosamides in acidic and neutral media.	QD 603 N1 L4
1967	Lister, Geoffrey R.	PhD.	Observations on the growth and physiology of Pinus strobus L. seedlings grown under various conditions of soil moisture and nitrogen and phosphorus nutrition.	QK 495 C75 L5
1967	Nyberg, Donald W.	PhD.	Recombination kinetics in CdS.	QC 477 N9
1967	O'Hanlon, John F.	PhD.	Field effect investigations in thin cadmium sulfide films	QC 612 S4 O35
1967	Polson, Philippa	Masters	Language structure and verse structure.	PE 1133 P64
1967	Ridler, Neil B.	Masters	An incomes policy as a means of shifting the Phillip's curve : [Investment criteria in the context of planning].	HD 82 R54
1967	Sher, Alvin H.	PhD.	Fabrication and application of semi-conductor radiation detectors in high resolution nuclear decay studies.	QC 373 S7 S5
1967	Texmo, Doreen K. D.	Masters	Joyce Cary's concept of the imagination	PR 6005 A77 Z795
1967	Watson, Stanley G. S.	PhD.	School for pass-whites.	LC 2891 S6 W3
1967	Woodsworth, John A.	Masters	An analysis of the audio-lingual approach as applied	PG 2065 W66

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			to methods of teaching Russian.	
1968	Arnold, Leslie E.	Masters	The motif of the 'quest' in the early works of W. H. Auden.	PR 6001 U4 Z62
1968	Baban, Roy C. N.	Masters	Perfect competition and effective demand in Patinkin's theory of involuntary unemployment	HG 297 B22
1968	Baily, Martin N.		A framework for planning / by Martin Neil Baily.	HB 74 M3 B26
1968	Batra, Inder P.	PhD	Interband optical absorption in semiconductors.	QC 437 B3
1968	Bowen, Roger	Masters	"Experiments in statement" : the theme of man's instinctual life in selected writings of H.G. Wells.	PR 5778 E9 B6
1968	Clark, Bernard K.	Masters	Vocabulary teaching and the college French programme at the intermediate level.	PC 2065 C53
1968	Conradi, Jan.	PhD	Luminescence studies in cadmium sulphide.	QC 4765 C6
1968	Cook, Hugh	Masters	The poetry of Raymond Souster.	PR 9322 O96 Z64
1968	Cubitt, Elizabeth A.	Masters	Assessment of visual discrimination in infants : comparison of a conditioning method with traditional preference methods - and - Firms in imperfect competition...	BF 723 V5 C8
1968	Duggan, Arthur R.	Masters	From rake to reformer : a study of the restoration comic hero ; The black, letter, existential themes in four of Hathorne's early short stories ; A temporality in Light in August ; Three papers.	PN 6071 H4 D8
1968	Einblau, Bunny D.	Masters	Alienation : a social process.	HM 131 E35
1968	Faris, Peter Weir.	Masters	A study of student teachers' comprehending of instructional design.	LB 1051 F3
1968	Fenton, Robert W.	Masters	Non-linear and integer programming in a regional context.	HD 82 F42
1968	Fix, William R.	Masters	Phase 2 : being a 16 mm. print of a motion picture / designed and produced by the author, with a written prologue and epilogue.	LB 1044 F5
1968	Gallez, Trinidad.	Masters	A phonological study of two linguistic groups in Comerio, Puerto Rico.	PC 4854 P8 G3
1968	Gerber, Jean M.	Masters	Time, death, and mutability : a study of themes in some poetry of the Renaissance - Spenser, Shakespeare, and Donne.	PN 6084 T5 G4
1968	Gudgeon, Peter S.	Masters	Is there an optimum city size distribution for developing countries?	HD 5707 G8b
1968	Hajdu, Csaba.	Masters	Firms in imperfect competition and the theory of games - and - Identification in econometrics	HB 771 H34a/b
1968	Horgan, Judith M.	Masters	Uptake and evolution of carbon dioxide during photosynthesis ; a survey of plant divisions.	QK 891 H6
1968	Kerr, Andrew S.	Masters	A visual-motor test and a perceptual-reasoning test as discriminators of academic achievement. - and - The identification problem	BF 431 K45
1968	Kilby, Peter.	Masters	The Anglo-Asante War of 1873-1874 : a narrative and analysis.	DT 507 K5
1968	Kim, Hubert Lue.	PhD.	Hydrostatic pressure in relation to the synchronous culture of algae in open and closed systems.	QK 5652 L84
1968	Long, Kenneth J. N.	Masters	The use of historical material in contemporary British drama.	PR 739 H5 L6
1968	Lowe, Robert W.	Masters	Papers on a common theme : The adequacy of model-bound concepts of style ; The parameters of style and the contextual hypothesis ; Synonymity and the concept of style ; a Tenable concept of style in literary criticism ; A concept of style in Dylan Thomas's	PN 203 L6

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			"Light breaks where no sun shines".	
1968	Malafry, Hugh T.	Masters	The transcendental symbol.	PN 56 S9 M3
1968	McDonald, Monique A. J.	Masters	Etude morphologique et syntaxique du francais parle par un groupe de jeunes gens a Maillardville (C.B.).	PC 3645 M3 M2
1968	McKeever, Robert.	Masters	An application of non-standard model theoretic methods to topological groups and infinite Galois theory.	QA 171 M15
1968	Michael, James E.	Masters	Risk taking in individual and group decision making : problems of inquiry. --	BF 320 M5

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Year	Author	Degree	Project Title	Call#
1972	Van Slyke, John V.	MBA	Three case studies of management succession	HD 38 V358
1973	Jones, Gordon and Peverley, Floyd	MA ED	A prescriptive inquiry into the elementary school administrative units in Surrey School District of British Columbia	LB 2891 S8 J65
1974	Backer, Arnold A	MA ED	A survey of public attitudes toward education in School District #37 (Delta)	LA 418 B7 B33
1974	Blinkhorn, William T. and Isaac, Roy	MA ED	A survey of the attitudes of students, educators, electors and business community toward alternatives in education within the public schools of school district 38 (Richmond)	LB 1026 B55
1974	James, F. Trevor and Neuman, Andrew	MA ED	A procedure for parent-teacher participation in the determination and pursuit of educational goals	LC 225 J34
1974	Jefferson, Lancelot M.	MBA	The advantages of free market conditions over economic regulation in the North American domestic air transport industry	HE 9802 A35 J44
1974	Johnsen, Robert P.	MA ED	A critical review of research studies in student tutoring	LC 41 J65
1974	Pridham, Reginald H	MA ED	The funding of community service activities in British Columbia community colleges : current practices and future possibilities	LC 238.4 C22 B76
1974	Shindler, Wallace R.	MA ED	A study of teacher perception of actual and preferred practices in school decision-making by the individual teacher, formal staff group, and higher official authority	LB 2806 S48
1975	Axford, Robert J	MA ED	The development of guidelines for supportive print Materials to accompany of intermediate science program	Q 181.5 A94
1975	Baker, Joseph Michael	MA ED	The adoption of a computer system for selected pupil-personnel aspects of the administration of Queen Elizabeth Secondary School	LB 2891 S8 B35
1975	Barclay, Patrick B.	MA ED	An evaluation of the benefits from using students as markers	LB 3051 B27
1975	Beard, Glyn D.	MA ED	Recently developed science curricula : their rationale and effectiveness	LB 1585 B43
1975	Bolton, Joseph B	MA ED	A quarterly system of organization for a junior secondary school	LB 1038 B65
1975	Bowman, Elisabeth Ross	MA ED	A pilot study to compare essay scores of first year history students with Cloze Test scores	LB 1050.3 B68
1975	Chubb, Lawrie and Pearce, George	MA ED	A survey of students, parents and community adults regarding alternatives in education in South Surrey	LA 418 B7 C58
1975	Dittrich, Gerald A. and McGee, H.A. and Wiens, J.H.	MA ED	The development of an educational plan for the eastern section of Burnaby with particular reference to schooling in the early adolescent years	LA 418 B7 D58
1975	Ellis, M. L. and Groome, G.F.	MA ED	A study of teachers' perceived in-service training preferences in School District no. 35 (Langley) and School District no. 43 (Coquitlam)	LB 1731 E44
1975	Hamelin, Robert P. and Nixon, Graham E.	MA ED	Relationships between teachers' need for structure, program openness and job satisfaction in open-area and self-contained classrooms	LB 1027 H25

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1975	Hendy, Mary J	MA ED	Why do women teachers not seek promotion?	LB 2837 H45
1975	Kennedy, Barry J.	MA ED	A study of a small group approach to improving the composition skills of high school students	LB 1631 K45
1975	Macdonald, Donald Bruce	MA ED	An evaluation of nineteen programs designed to teach children with receptive language disabilities	LC 4704 M23
1975	Mang, Robert H	MA ED	Rating teacher effectiveness	LB 2838 M35
1975	Martin, Margaret	MA ED	Student mobility in Vernon elementary schools and its relationship to reading achievement	LB 3064 M36
1975	Morgan, Margaret T.	MA ED	The genuine education movement : the characteristics and development of a reform movement in education	LA 418 B7 M67
1975	Okerstrom, Douglas James	MA ED	An investigation of the relationship between psychological participation in decision making, job satisfaction and selected personality characteristics of elementary school principals	LB 2822.5 O44
1975	Puetz, Siegfried P. A.	MA ED	The field development of a teaching procedure based on the 'walkabout" program and "warehouse" model	LB 1031 P84
1975	Sheard, Catherine Linda	MA ED	A study of student sex and teacher sex and grade level as factors related to student science attitudes and interests	Q 183.4 C32 C65
1975	Trant, Peter Allan	MA ED	The current status and future directions of automotive education in British Columbia schools : a teacher perspective	TL 152.66 C2 T73
1975	Whitney, Bonnie Edith Katrina	MA ED	Environmental education : a description	GF 26 W55
1975	Wiebe, Wayne A. and Rodier, Wayne H.	MA ED	Community schools : peering through the fog ; a conceptual framework for the description of community schools	LB 2820 W54
1975	Wright, Beryl D.	MA ED	The ranking of educational goals and school strengths : perceptions of students, parents and teachers involved in a senior elementary school programme	LA 414 W75
1976	Greenway, Michael W. and Olliver, Stephen A.	MA ED	The development and application of a coding schedule based on Schwab's levels of openness	Q 181 G74
1976	Lang, John Allan	MBA	Is a mail survey of purchasing intentions an economical means of identifying innovators in a farm market?	HF 5415 L32

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1967	Hansen, William N.	MA	Some explanations of the mechanism of economic growth. [Analysis of inflation in a closed economy. Research and development and competition. The income theory of balance of payments adjustment]	HB 34 H22
1967	Ridler, Neil B.	MA	An incomes policy as a means of shifting the Phillip's curve : [Investment criteria in the context of planning]	HD 82 R54
1968	Duggan, Arthur R.	MA	From rake to reformer : a study of the restoration comic hero ; The black, letter, existential themes in four of Hawthorne's early short stories ; A temporality in Light in August	PN 6071 H4 D8
1968	Gudgeon, Peter S.	MA	Is there an optimum city size distribution for developing countries? / by Peter Spence Gudgeon	HD 5707 G8b
1968	Lowe, Robert W.	MA	Papers on a common theme : The adequacy of model-bound concepts of style ; The parameters of style and the contextual hypothesis ; Synonymity and the concept of style ; a Tenable concept of style in literary criticism ; A concept of style in Dylan Thomas's "Light breaks where no sun shines"	PN 203 L6
1969	Alves, Jose	MA	The role of the agricultural sector in the process of economic growth [microform] – and - Technological change and economic growth	HD 1411 A59
1969	Cape, David M	MA	"Muscle flexing" by mutual funds in North America. – and - The feasibility of labour-management cooperation	HD 5650 C3

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1969	Moore, Helen G.	MA	An analysis of Canada's experience with flexible exchange rates in the post-war period	HD 6971 M6
1969	Price, Lesley V.	MA	Should Canada adopt an incomes policy?	HD 6483 P7
1969	Storey, Keith J.	MA	The role of transport in economic development ; Ecological relationships and development problems in Lesotho, Southern Africa ; The growth pole concept : a review, analysis and evaluation	HD 82 S84
1970	Belfie, Michael A.	MA	The World Bank : an overview	HG 4517 B44
1970	Berg, John H.	MA	The case against devaluation – and - The contribution of education to economic growth in British Columbia	HG 233 B47
1970	Edmond, John B.	MA	A binary features model for teaching the English verb - and - some considerations concerning the notion of competence in generative-transformational grammar - and - a discussion of the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis	P 27 E46
1970	Harmatz, Howard R.	MA	Population movements in Elizabethan and Stuart England -and- The international capital market and Canadian economic development; an essay in Canadian economic history	HB 3583 H35
1970	Harrop, Eldon J.	MA	Technological society and the literature of liberation ; Thomas Pynchon's <i>Antarctica</i> ; Problems in the ethics and aesthetics of the contemporary avant-garde	PN 58 H27
1970	Markowicz, Harry	MA	Some sociolinguistic considerations of American sign language - and -The nativistic view of language acquisition and American sign language	HV 2474 M37
1970	Morris, Thomas M.	MA	Three essays : Norman O. Brown and the new liturgy of aesthetics ; Pip's great expiations [and] A reading of Wordsworth's ode: intimations of immortality	PR 453 M67
1971	Abercrombie, Richard W.	MA	"Youth" : Heart of Darkness, and Lord Jim – and - Marlow and his world view – and - Eustacia Vye, dream, reality and responsibility – and - Hemingway's irony	PN 1897 A24
1971	Allen, William D.	MA	John Bowen's moral vision in <i>After the rain</i> .- and - <i>Babbitt</i> , the novel and the critics.- and - Alienation and narration in <i>Moby Dick</i> , the search for significance	PN 710 A53
1971	Anderson, Ian D.	MA	Tashme, British Columbia, an existing nonentity. - AND - Discrimination patterns with change in population size of urban centers; a case study of Indians in southwestern British Columbia	FC 3850 J3 A53
1971	Bjonback, Ralph D.	MA	The factors of growth in manufacturing employment in metropolitan Vancouver, 1949-1958. – and - Regional input-output models as impact studies uses and limitations	HB 74 M3 B56
1971	Boonekamp, Clemens F. J	MA	The open Leontief model : a theoretical evaluation.- and - The properties of the Cobb-Douglas production function	HB 74 M3 B58
1971	Cross, Melvin L.	MA	Factor adjustment problems of the fishery – and Petroleum and the economics of prorating	SH 323 C73
1971	Cullen, Thomas G.	MA	The rise of the Colombian labor movement : Economic and political theory in the regional integration of Central America [and] Economic development in the 18th century Spanish Empire	HC 125 C84
1971	Dow, Alexander C	MA	The contribution of the country banks to the English Industrial Revolution. – and - The role of government in Tudor economic development	HC 254.4 D69
1971	Eastwood, Alan	MA	The effect of information on interregional migration – and - Regional accounts: uses and problems	HJ 793 E28
1971	Hunter, Robert W.	MA	Three papers on alienation: The self conversing in the void; a study of <i>The unfortunate traveller</i> -The troubled mirror: Yeat's self-parody in the player queen	PN 56 A45 H85

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1971	Langemann, Ralph E.	MA	The development of a model for the life cycle of a closed agricultural colony : The Mennonite colonies of South America – and - The Mennonite colony of Spanish Lookout, British Honduras	BX 8128 C6 L35
1971	Muller, Roderick J. N.	MA	Ethics and the new conservation	FC 3847.3 M84
1971	Price, William R.	MA	Selected aspects of the relationship between risk and multiple jobholding. – and - An attempt to estimate the price and income elasticities for butter and margarine in Canada	HD 9278 C22 P75
1972	Baxter, Peter J.	MA	The shadow of the father : the function of the paternal figure in Daniel Deronda. – and - Troilus and Cressida : the collective and the individual. – and - Some elements of Dickens' style in Martin Chuzzlewit	PR 4658 B39
1972	Christon-Quao, Percy O.	MA	An examination of selected aspects of the occupational training of adults program. –and - Policy recommendations for accelerating the economic development of Etonia	HD 82 C495
1972	Constable, George A.	MA	The international regulation of marine resource use. – and - A spatial price model: estimating hog prices at Ontario pork producers' marketing yards	JX 4143 C65
1972	Dowrey, William R.	MA	Profit maximization and location theory. – and - The importance of supply concepts to the notions of Marshallian and Walrasian static stability	HD 58 D69
1972	Linley, Georgia J. and Olson, C.	MA	The first anniversary : a focus on the relationship between the personal and universal cosmos of John Donne ; D.H. Lawrence's The man who died ; a demonstration of method ; Charles Olson's Maximus poems, IV, V, VI ; additional poems	PR 2247 F53 L55
1972	Magnani, Peter S.	MA	Spenser's "House of temperance". Yeats' "Supernatural songs". On Olson "On Duncan on the Pantokrator"	PR 2360 H63 M34
1973	Allan, Lorna R.	MA	Adventive weeds with particular reference to their significance in Canada. – and - Vegetation management on power-line rights-of-way with emphasis of the lower mainland of British Columbia	TK 3231 A55
1973	Habinski, Avi A.	MA	Intrametropolitan industrial location – and - Assimilation and residential location: Jews in Vancouver	HD 58 H29a
1973	Sax, Shelley	MA	Measuring the induced unemployment rate in Canada. – and - Regional unemployment differences and characteristics in Canada	HD 5728 S29
1973	Sengendo, James	MA	Debt service problems in underdeveloped countries with special emphasis to India. – and - Factors of economic growth in British Columbia, 1951- 1961	HG 3753 S44
1973	Umeadi, Christopher C.	MA	Some economic implications of rapid population growth in rural Nigeria. – and - John Bates Clark on capital and income-distribution amongst factors of production	HB 1075 U54
1974	Biggins, Patricia	MA	An annotated bibliography of Canadian radio drama produced by CBC Vancouver between 1939 and 1945 : Virginia Woolf as a social novelist, and her use of the house image in To the lighthouse and Between the acts as a symbol of changing values in twentieth-century England. Christopher Marlowe and the theatre of the absurd	PN 1991.73 Z923
1974	Coleman, Daphne L.	MA	The supply of foodstuffs in Ghana. – and - Balanced growth	HD 82 C64
1974	Stone, Ian E.	MA	Development policies and under-utilization of industrial capacity	HC 435.2 S86