

**Sylva M. Gelber fonds: photographic material**  
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**Subjects** depicted in this Sylva M. Gelber photographic material correspond partly to those found in the earlier textual and graphic records of this distinguished Canadian, and document the career, professional development and awards, as well as the personal life of Sylva M. Gelber. These include her public service work for the Departments of Labour and National Health and Welfare (1958-1976), as well as the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (1972), and International Labour and United Nations Seminars and Conferences (1971-1974). Other subjects include an honorary doctorate degree granted to S. Gelber by Memorial University of Newfoundland and personal as well as family related material.

**Physical extent and organization**

This accrual of Sylva M. Gelber material consists of a total of **37** photographs (**36 b/w** and **1 colour**), which have been organized in the following categories: career and professional activities including awards (**A**); and personal and family related material (**B**).

The photographs are in good condition, although some of the earlier photos are slightly faded and some are yet to be separated from their matting, as these were previously framed. These will require conservation work. Images are of various sizes and processing techniques. The earliest date caption is from ca. 1905, the whole graphic record covering the time period to 1976. Majority of the photographs are dated and have identifying captions.

Some photographs are identified as created by the following photographers: L. Bianco, D'Orsay, Vic. Middleton. Some images are copyrighted (*for details see descriptions below*).

The following is a descriptive listing of the photographs by categories:

**A Career, professional activities and awards photographic material**  
\* unless otherwise noted, Sylva Gelber is depicted in all photographs

(9 b/w and 1 colour prints)

- A1 1 b/w print, signing agreement with Newfoundland under the Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services Act, Department of National Health and Welfare, 9 June 1958 (*includes list of names identifying the group*)
- A2 1 b/w print, S. Gelber representing Canada on the Social Security Committee of the International Labour Conference, Geneva, 1968 (photo: L. Bianco)
- A3 1 b/w print, Canadian Government Delegation to the International Labour Conference, Geneva, 1968
- A4 1 b/w print, Canadian Delegation to the International Labour Conference, Geneva, 1971 (photo: L. Bianco)
- A5 1 b/w print, S. Gelber with the Philippine Delegation, U.N. Reception, United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, February 1972 (photo: L. Bianco)
- A6 1 b/w print, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Meeting of Experts, Mayor's Reception, Washington, D.C., 3-6 December 1973
- A7 1 b/w print, S. Gelber conversing during the United Nations Seminar, Ottawa, September 1974
- A8 1 b/w print, S. Gelber received by the wife of the Governor-General, Madame Jules Leger (Gabby), United Nations Seminar, Ottawa, September 1974
- A9 1 b/w print, S. Gelber receiving an award from the Canadian Labour Congress, March 1976
- A10 1 col. print, S. Gelber's honorary doctorate from Memorial University of Newfoundland; group photo with F.W. Russell, Henry T. Renouf, G.A. Frecker, W.A. Mackay and M.O. Morgan (*includes list of names identifying the group*)

**B Family and Friends photographic material**

(27 b/w prints)

- B1 7 b/w prints, photos of Gelber family of Arthur and Marvin Gelber, 1920; Louis Gelber on ship en route to England, 1920s, and in Bobcaygeon, Ont.; Ruth Gelber (b.1905, died ca.1909), photo: D'Orsay; unidentified portrait of a girl, 1905, photo: *see signature*; Louis and Sara Gelber with their children Lionel, Sylva and Marvin, ca. 1913; graduation photo of Lionel Gelber.
- B2 18 b/w prints, (*see captions*) photos of Gelber family in Hermant's garden, ca.1946; Lionel, Sara and Nancy Gelber, ca.1946; Mae Gelber, daughter of Leibish (Leo) Gelber, California, 1920s; Lillian Ballon; Lionel and Sara Gelber with Dorothy Hermant and Mary Glauberson, ca. 1945, photo: Vic. Middleton; Marvin Gelber at Camp Borden, ca. 1943; Lionel and Sara Gelber with Auntie Mary (Glauberson), ca. 1945, photo: Vic. Middleton; photos of Bobcaygeon.
- B3 2 b/w prints, S. Gelber reminiscing with the actress Marilyn Lightstone after the presentation of the play "The Dubbuk", September 1974 (*includes copy of Toronto Star 23 September 1974 article*)