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Stories from the collection at Leeds Beckett University

Karen Fisher & Rob O'Brien

Showcasing Leeds Art Libraries: Stories from the Collection
The Tetley, Tuesday 17th April, 2018, 2-3.30 p.m.



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Leeds College of Art Archive

- Includes prospectuses, newspaper cuttings, pamphlets and letters
- Collected over a long period beginning in the early 1920s
- Leeds College of Art (1927–1970) grew out of the Leeds Mechanics Institute and went on to become a faculty of Leeds Polytechnic (later Leeds Metropolitan University and now Leeds Beckett University) and Jacob Kramer College (later Leeds College of Art and now Leeds Arts University)

Arts education in Leeds

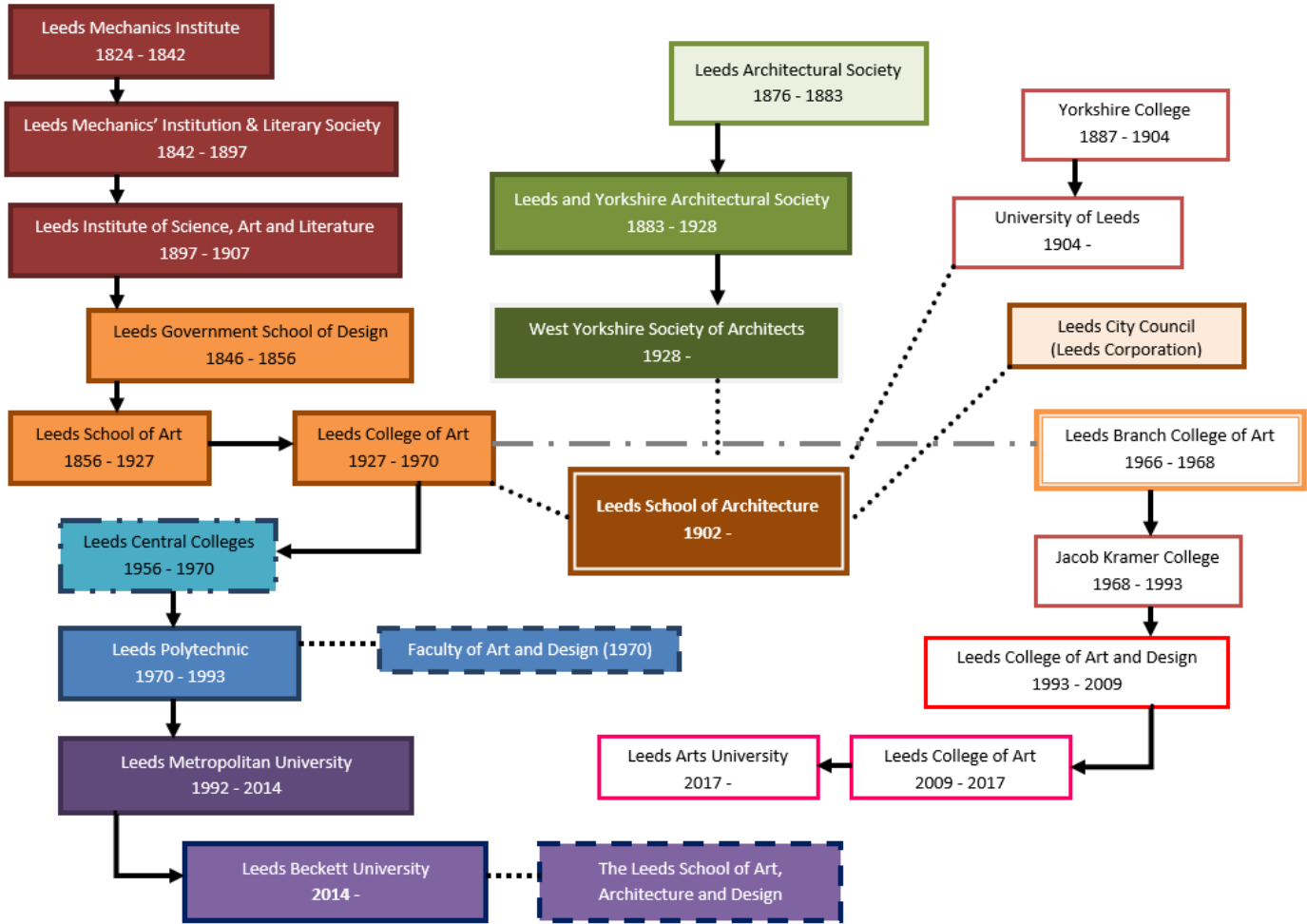
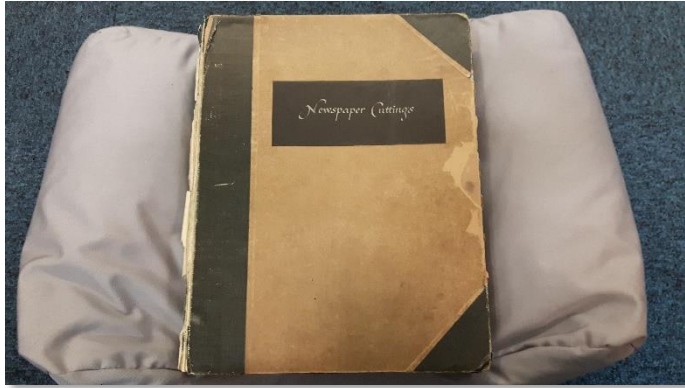


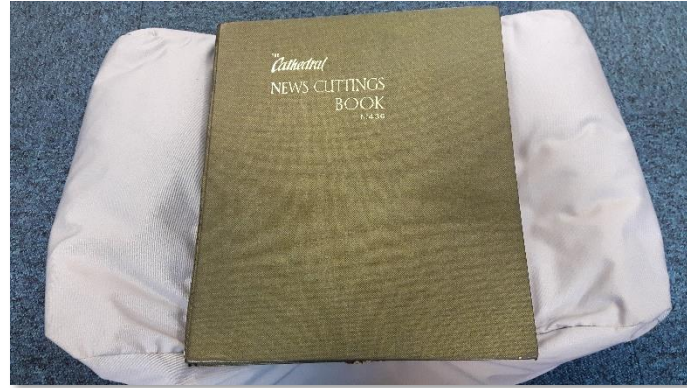
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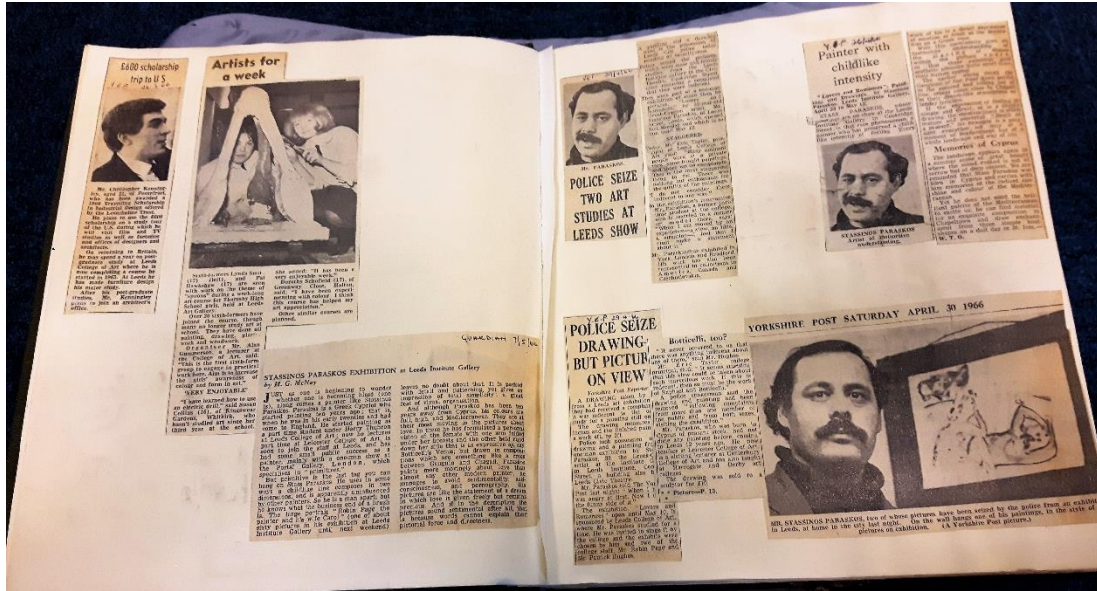


Leeds School/College of Art
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(1922–33)



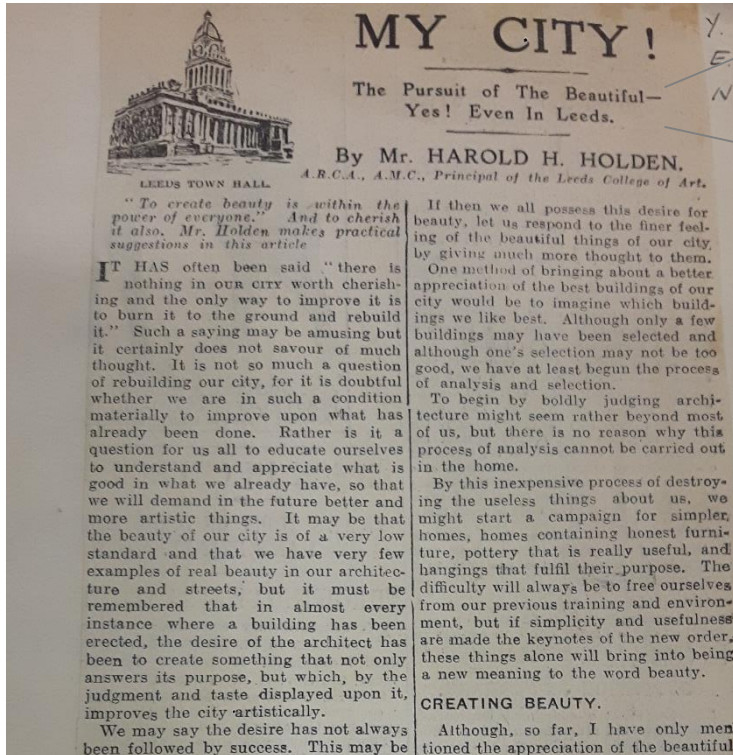
Leeds College of Art
newspaper cuttings book
(1966–73)

From the Archive: press cuttings



Coverage of the police raid of the *Lovers and Romances* exhibition at the Leeds Institute Gallery in 1966, and the subsequent trial (for obscenity) of Stass Paraskos (student, 1956–58, and, later, teacher at Leeds College of Art).

From the Archive: press cuttings



The Pursuit of The Beautiful—
Yes! Even In Leeds.

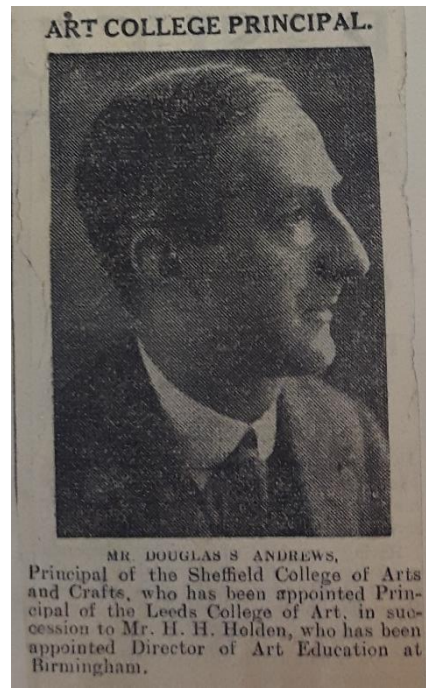
1927 newspaper article by College Principal Harold H. Holden, who argues that the citizens of Leeds have the power to appreciate and create beauty.

Holden suggests imagining which buildings one likes best, simple arrangement of household objects, not littering the streets, protesting the cutting down of trees, and asking for more open spaces.

From the Archive: press cuttings



Notification of the appointment of 24-year-old Loris H. Rey as head of the sculpture department in 1927.



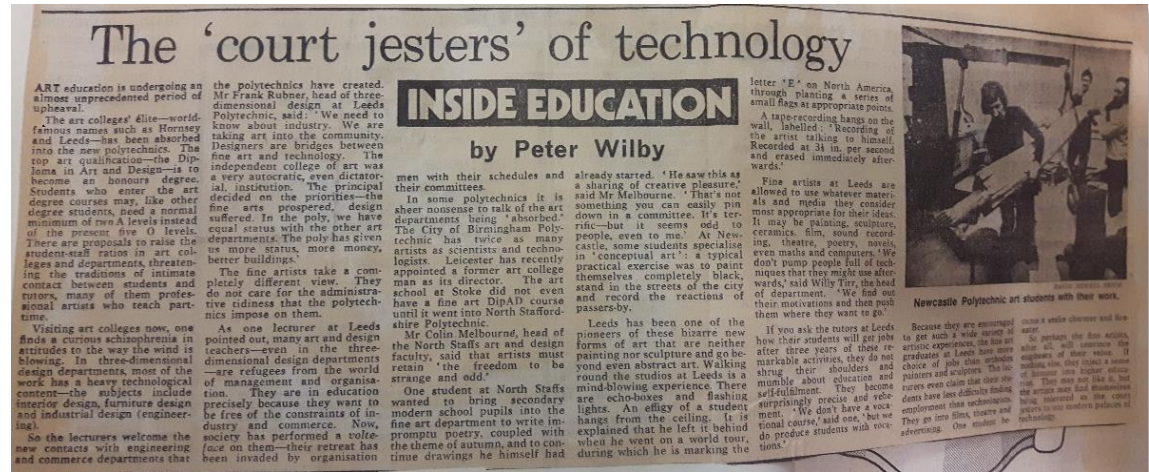
Notification of the appointment of Douglas S. Andrews as Principal of the Leeds College of Art, at a salary of £900 a year, in 1928.

From the Archive: press cuttings

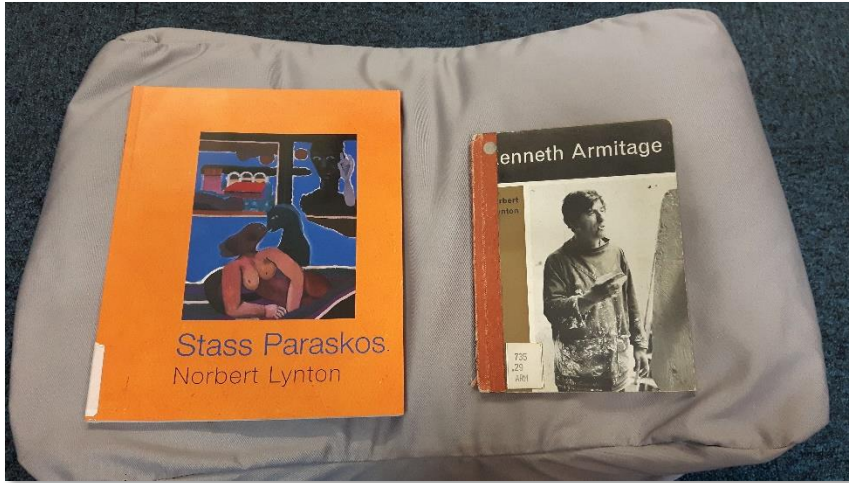
The Observer, in 1973, reports on the absorption of arts colleges into the new polytechnics.

Design lecturers at Leeds welcome the new contacts with engineering and commerce departments.

Fine arts lecturers point out that their retreat has been “invaded by organisation men with their schedules and their committees”. Our correspondent wonders if by injecting a sense of humour into higher education the fine artists will “find themselves being tolerated as the court jesters to our modern palaces of technology”.



From the Archive: books



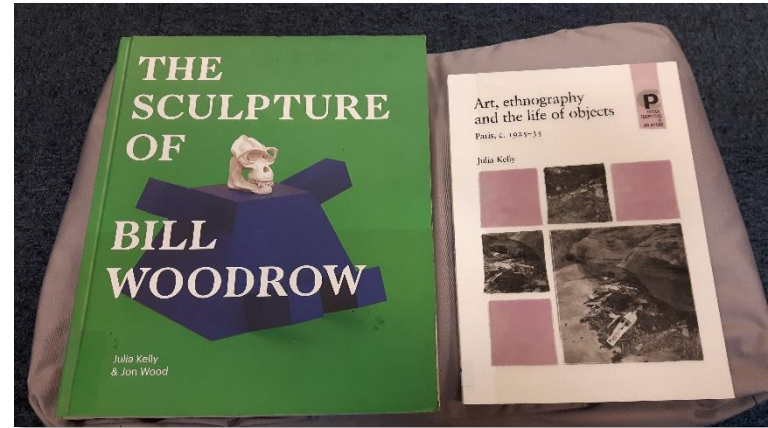
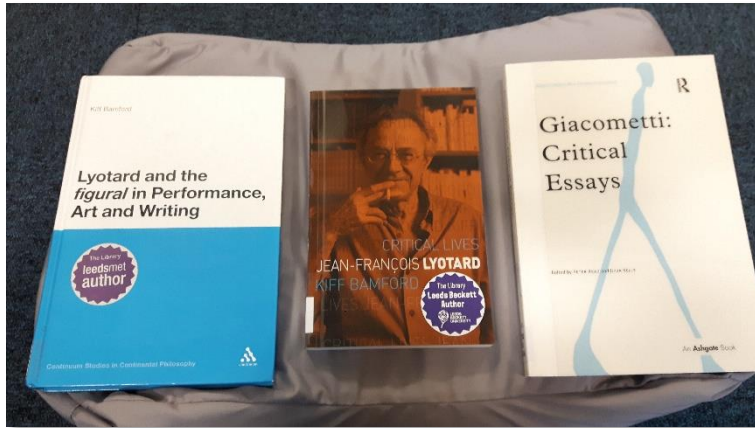
Books by Norbert Lynton (1927–2007), art historian and critic, who lectured on the History of Art and Architecture at Leeds College of Art from 1950–61.

The Library's main collection

Located in the University's Leslie Silver Building in its City Campus, the Sheila Silver Library contains the collections of print books and journals (along with extensive online collections) for the School of Art, Architecture and Design.



Main collection: books



Books, indicating a diversity of research expertise, by current lecturing staff Dr Kiff Bamford and Dr Julia Kelly.

Main collection: articles

Journal of Writing in Creative Practice
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FOUR WORDS (January, 2016)

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FOUR WORDS


Abstract
FOUR WORDS was curated by Alan Dunn in collaboration with Metal Liverpool as part of their series of January urban provocations. FOUR WORDS presented 100 ten-second text animations on Europe's largest digital screen opposite Lime Street Station in Liverpool. Contributions came from local community and youth groups, alongside more recognized practitioners including Gerhard Richter, Shaista Aziz, Douglas Coupland, The Andy Warhol Foundation, Paul Morley and a priest, retired seafarer, radio station and David Fairclough (Liverpool FC striker, 1975–83). See www.alandunn67.co.uk/fourwords.html for documentation of the project.

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Article by Dr Alan Dunn (Senior Lecturer at the School of Art, Architecture and Design), published in the *Journal of Writing in Creative Practice*, accessible from the Library's online journal collection.

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Thinking Like An Artist-Researcher About War

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Abstract
In *Method Meets Art* (2015), Patricia Leavy argues for thinking like both a researcher and an artist in order to create socially useful works. Christine Sylvester teams up with visual artist Jill Gibbon to think through one of her drawings and practices that can radicalize art/war consciousness and motivate action. Both authors bear in mind words George Grosz screamed nearly 100 years ago: "What does it matter if you spend your time gold-plating the heels of boots or carving Madonnas. People are being shot..." The essay unfolds from a brief remembrance of debates about art and function and considers what it is to think like a researcher-artist (or not, as is often the case in IR war studies and art making) on issues of war. The co-authors then present separate viewpoints on the drawing and end by working together toward a researcher-artist mode of being, doing and thinking about war through art.

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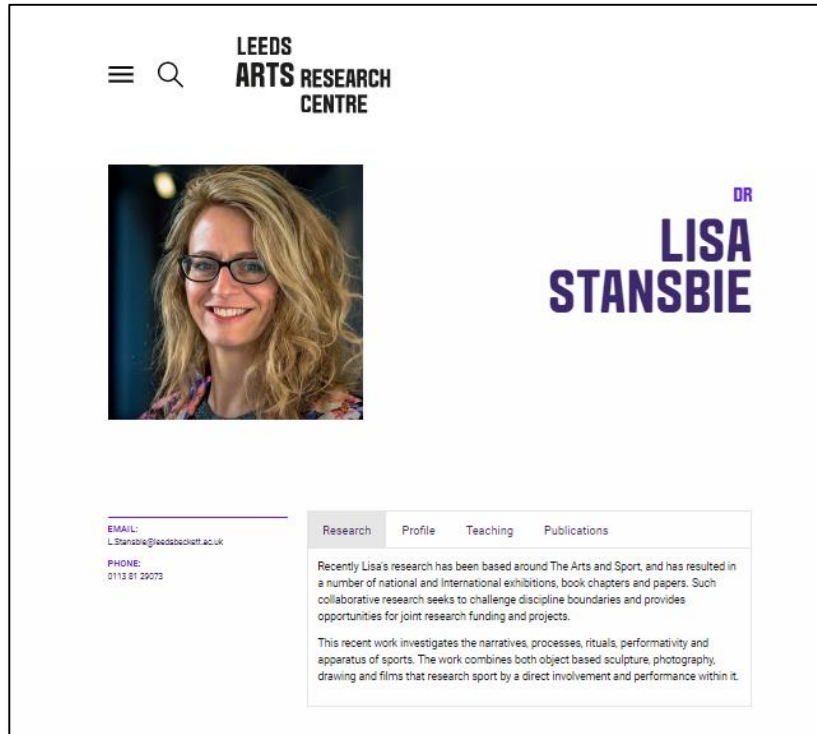
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Article by Dr Jill Gibbon (Senior Lecturer at the School of Art, Architecture and Design) and Christine Sylvester (University of Connecticut) available from the Leeds Beckett Repository.

Lecturer research profile



The screenshot shows a web profile for Dr Lisa Stansbie. At the top left, there is a hamburger menu icon and a search icon. The header text reads "LEEDS ARTS RESEARCH CENTRE". Below the header is a portrait of Dr Lisa Stansbie, a woman with blonde hair and glasses, smiling. To the right of the portrait, the text "DR LISA STANSBIE" is displayed in a bold, dark blue font. Below the portrait, there is contact information: "EMAIL: L.Stansbie@leedsbeckett.ac.uk" and "PHONE: 0113 51 29073". A navigation bar contains four tabs: "Research", "Profile", "Teaching", and "Publications". The "Research" tab is selected. The main content area contains two paragraphs of text describing her research focus on The Arts and Sport, mentioning national and international exhibitions, book chapters, and papers. It also notes that her recent work investigates narratives, processes, rituals, performativity, and apparatus of sports, combining object-based sculpture, photography, drawing, and film.

Profile of Dr Lisa Stansbie, Dean of School – School of Art, Architecture and Design, on the Leeds Arts Research Centre website.

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