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## A Finding Aid to the Isabel Case Borgatta Papers, 1939-1978, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Isabel Case Borgatta papers
<b>Date:</b>	1939-1978
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.borgisab
<b>Creator:</b>	Borgatta, Isabel Case, 1922-
<b>Extent:</b>	0.4 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The scattered papers of sculptor Isabel Case Borgatta date from 1939 to 1978 and measure 0.4 linear feet. Found are biographical materials, personal and professional correspondence, financial records, photographs of Borgatta and her artwork, printed material, and writings.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 1978 by Isabel Case Borgatta.

### Processing Information

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### Preferred Citation

Isabel Case Borgatta papers, 1939-1978. Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

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## Biographical / Historical

Isabel Case Borgatta (1921-2017) was a sculptor, educator, and lecturer active in New York City, New York.

Borgatta was born in Illinois in 1921 and from an early age became interested in sculpture, winning an Ivory Soap carving contest at the age of thirteen. She studied at Smith College and Yale University and at the studio of Jose de Cref. As a married mother of three, Borgatta recognized the imbalance of women in her field and was a founding member of Women in the Arts. She died in New York state in 2017.

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## Arrangement

Due to the small size of this collection the papers are arranged as one series.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

- Women artists
- Women educators
- Women sculptors

### Occupations:

- Educators -- New York (State) -- New York
- Sculptors -- New York (State) -- New York

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Isabel Case Borgatta Papers, 1939-1978

#### 0.4 Linear feet (Box 1)

Scope and Contents: Found are biographical materials including resumes, a biographical sketch, identification cards, and awards. Correspondence is with family and business colleagues, institutions, and museums; many letters discuss women in the arts. Financial records contain scattered sales information and documentation of supply purchases. Photographs depict Borgatta, with unidentified family and friends, and her artwork. Her education and exhibition career is documented in printed clippings, announcements, and catalogs. Writings likely originated from her time at Smith College. Others include a speech given entitled "The Sexual Role in Artistic Sensibility," and syllabi from courses taught by Borgatta.

Box 1, Folder 1	Biographical Material, 1950-1978
Box 1, Folder 2	Correspondence, 1949
Box 1, Folder 3	Correspondence, 1952-1954
Box 1, Folder 4	Correspondence, 1960-1969
Box 1, Folder 5	Correspondence, 1970-1978
Box 1, Folder 6	Correspondence, circa 1950-1978
Box 1, Folder 7	Financial Records, 1947-1978
Box 1, Folder 8	<a href="#">Photographs, Isabel Case Borgatta, circa 1940s-1978</a>
Box 1, Folder 9	Photographs, Slides, 1974-1976
Box 1, Folder 10	Photographs, Works of Art, circa 1960-1978
Box 1, Folder 11	Printed Material, Clippings, 1939-1977
Box 1, Folder 12-14	Printed Material, Exhibition Announcements and Catalogs, 1947-1978
Box 1, Folder 13	Printed Material, Newsletters and Press Releases, 1949-1977
Box 1, Folder 14	Writings and Notes, 1943-1978

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