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## A Finding Aid to the Katherine Coffey Papers, 1940-1972, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Katherine Coffey papers
<b>Date:</b>	1940-1972
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.coffkath
<b>Creator:</b>	Coffey, Katherine, d. 1972
<b>Extent:</b>	0.2 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The scattered papers of museum director Katherine Coffey measure 0.2 linear feet and date from 1940 to 1972. Found are biographical material, photographs, printed material, and two speeches.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The Newark Museum of Art donated the Katherine Coffey papers in 1972.

### Processing Information

The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Jayna Josefson in 2022 with support from the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Katherine Coffey (1900-1972) was director at the Newark Museum of Art from 1949 to 1968, where she developed and expanded apprentice training and educational programs.

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## Scope and Contents

The scattered papers of museum director Katherine Coffey measure 0.2 linear feet and date from 1940 to 1972. Found are biographical material, photographs, printed material, and two speeches.

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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 arts administrators

Names:

Newark Museum

Occupations:

Museum directors -- New Jersey -- Newark

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Katherine Coffey Papers, 1940-1972

#### *0.2 Linear feet (Box 1)*

Scope and Contents: Biographical materials include honorary degrees and awards from Rutgers University and Seton Hall University. Photographs depict Coffey at events and group functions, likely at the Newark Museum and Rutgers University. Printed materials include clippings, programs, and newsletters. Also found are printed speeches given by Coffey regarding the art world entitled "Museums in the World of Today," and "Apprenticeship Study for Museum Work."

Box 1, Folder 1      Biographical Material, 1966

Box 1, Folder 2      Photographs, 1966-1968

Box 1, Folder 3      Printed Material, 1953-1972

Box 1, Folder 4      Speeches, 1940-1941

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