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Oral history interview with Susan Crile

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Susan Crile
<b>Date:</b>	1972 August 1-3
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.crile72
<b>Creator:</b>	Crile, Susan, 1942- (Interviewee) Cummings, Paul (Interviewer)
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Sound tape reels (Sound recording; 5 in.) 101 Pages (Transcript)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

These interviews are part of the Archives of American Art Oral History Program, started in 1958 to document the history of the visual arts in the United States, primarily through interviews with artists, historians, dealers, critics and others.

### Restrictions

Use requires an appointment.

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ACCESS RESTRICTED; written permission required.

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## Biographical / Historical

Susan Crile (1942-) is a painter from New York, New York.

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## Scope and Contents

Interview of Susan Crile conducted 1972 August 1-3, by Paul Cummings, for the Archives of American Art. Crile speaks of her family background; having polio and problems with her eyesight; her education at Connecticut College, Bennington College, and New York University; art criticism; her teachers, including Lawrence Alloway, Paul Feeley, Jules Olitski, Tony Smith, and Esteban Vicente; Clement Greenberg's theories and relationships with artists; forming a discussion group with painters, poets, and musicians; working in pastel; her still lifes and "rug paintings"; color; and the artist's need for emotional support.

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## General

Originally recorded on 2 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 4 digital wav files. Duration is 3 hr., 30 min.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Women artists
- Women painters
- Women printmakers

### Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

### Names:

- Alloway, Lawrence, 1926-1990
- Feeley, Paul, 1910-1966
- Greenberg, Clement, 1909-1994
- Olitski, Jules, 1922-2007
- Smith, Tony, 1912-1980

### Occupations:

- Painters -- New York (State) -- New York
- Printmakers -- New York (State) -- New York