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## Oral history interview with Arline Custer

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Arline Custer
<b>Date:</b>	1975 April 7
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.custer75
<b>Creator:</b>	Custer, Arline, 1909-1975 (Interviewee) McCoy, Garnett (Interviewer)
<b>Extent:</b>	26 Pages (Transcript)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Arline Custer, 1975 April 7, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a> <a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with Arline Custer, 1975 April 7, Transcript</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

This interview is 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.

### Available Formats

Transcript is available on the Archives of American Art's website.

### Restrictions

This interview is open for research. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

Arline Custer (1909-1975) was a librarian from Detroit, Michigan. She worked for the Archives of American Art when it first began.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Arline Custer conducted 1975 April 7, by Garnett McCoy, for the Archives of American Art.

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Custer speaks of the early years of the Archives of American Art in Detroit.

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## General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav file. Duration is 45 min.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

### Names:

- Archives of American Art
- Detroit Institute of Arts

### Occupations:

- Librarians -- Michigan -- Detroit