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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives of American Art

Title: Jeff Donaldson papers

Identifier: AAA.donajeff

Date: 1918-2005 (bulk 1960s-2005)

Extent: 12.5 Linear feet

Creator: Donaldson, Jeff, 1932-2004

Language: English

Summary: The papers of African American artist and educator Jeff Donaldson measure 12.5 linear feet and date from 1918 to 2005, with the bulk of the records dating from the 1960s to 2005. The collection documents Donaldson's work as a professional artist, his academic career at Howard University, and his leadership role in the Black Arts Movement through biographical material, a small amount of professional and personal correspondence, personal business records, writings by Donaldson and others, research files, artist files, sound recordings of interviews Donaldson conducted with over 40 artists, teaching files, exhibition files, printed material, and photographs. Also found are detailed records of his professional activities and leadership roles in AfriCOBRA, CONFABA, FESTAC, and the Organization of Black American Culture (OBAC), including documentation on the Wall of Respect mural.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 2015 by Jameela Donaldson, Jeff Donaldson's daughter.

Available Formats

The bulk of the collection was digitized in 2018 and is available on the Archives of American Art website. Materials which have not been digitized include blank pages, blank versos of photographs, and duplicates. In some cases, exhibition catalogs and other publications have only had their covers, title pages, and relevant pages digitized.

Some of the sound recordings in the collection were digitized for research access and are available at Archives of American Art offices. Researchers may view the original reels for the archival notations on them, but original reels are not available for playback due to fragility.
Processing Information

The collection was processed to a minimal level and a finding aid was prepared by Erin Kinhart in 2016-2017. Full processing and updating of the finding aid was completed by Stephanie Ashley, and the bulk of the collection was digitized, in 2018.

Preferred Citation


Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives’ Washington, D.C. Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information. Use of archival audiovisual recordings and born-digital records with no duplicate access copies requires advance notice.

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Biographical / Historical

Jeff Donaldson (1932-2004) was an African American artist and educator who worked in Chicago and Washington, D.C. He was a leading figure in the Black Arts Movement of the 1960s and 1970s and promoted the “TransAfrican” aesthetic.

Donaldson was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and graduated from the University of Arkansas with a B.A. in studio art in 1954. He briefly served in the U.S. Army and taught art in a Chicago high school from 1957 to 1965. In 1963, he received his M.S. in Art Education from Illinois Institute of Technology, and taught at Northwestern University while pursuing his Ph.D. there. He received his Ph.D. in art history in 1974 with a dissertation on young African American artists working in Harlem during the 1930s. In 1970, Donaldson became director of the Howard University Art Gallery and chairman of the art department. From 1985 to 1998, he served first as associate dean and then dean of the Howard University, College of Fine Arts.

As a leading member of the Black Arts Movement, Donaldson co-founded the Organization of Black American Culture (OBAC) Visual Art Workshop which created the influential Wall of Respect mural in 1967 on the southside of Chicago. He also co-founded the AfriCOBRA artist collaborative in 1968 of which he was a lifelong member. Donaldson promoted the TransAfrican art aesthetic through his leadership role in FESTAC, the Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture, held in Lagos, Nigeria in 1977. He was guest editor for a TransAfrican focused issue of the International Review of African American Art which coincided with the TransAfrican Art Invitation Exhibition he curated at the Orlando Museum of Art in 1997.

Donaldson also worked as a professional painter, exhibiting in over a hundred and fifty group and solo exhibitions, and wrote critical essays for several arts publications. He regularly served as an exhibition juror, conference presenter, and served on advisory committees and as a board member for many arts and African American organizations.
Scope and Contents

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Biographical material includes biographical summaries and resumes detailing Donaldson's career, and documents such as his birth certificate, veteran and education records, and passports.

The correspondence series includes 0.3 linear feet of letters to and from colleagues, friends, and educational and art organizations. This correspondence relates primarily to Donaldson's professional activities. Also found are one folder of letters each from Gwendolyn Brooks and Hoyt Fuller. The bulk of Donaldson's professional correspondence can be found in other series.

Interviews consist of transcripts and sound recordings of interviews conducted by Donaldson for research for his dissertation on the Harlem Renaissance, with more than forty artists including Charles Alston, Romare Bearden, Bob Blackburn, Nancy Cox, Mildred Howard, Suzanne Jackson, Senga Nengudi, Mary Lovelace O'Neal, James Phillips, and Lamonte Westmoreland. This series also includes two transcripts of interviews with Donaldson.

Writings by Donaldson include articles, catalog essays, notes and draft excerpts from his dissertation, and draft lectures on TransAfrican art.

Artist files were compiled by Donaldson and relate to various projects including his dissertation, his teaching, and his involvement with FESTAC and other projects. Artists represented include Romare Bearden, John Howard, Jacob Lawrence, Archibald Motley, James Phillips, Hale Woodruff, and others. The files contain scattered correspondence, writings and notes, printed material, and photos of artists and artwork.

Exhibition files document Donaldson's involvement with the TransAfrican Art Invitational Exhibition (1997-1988) at the Orlando Museum of Art through correspondence and other planning documents, catalog essays, artist records, printed material, and photographs. The series also documents solo and group exhibitions of Donaldson's artwork from 1980-2000, and includes correspondence, printed material, and photographs.

Professional files provide a rich and substantial record of Donaldson's leadership roles in the African Commune of Bad Relevant Artists (AfriCOBRA), the Conference on the Functional Aspects of Black Art (CONFABA), the Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture (FESTAC), and the Organization of Black American Culture (OBAC). The records are particularly extensive for AfriCOBRA and FESTAC, and include correspondence, planning documents, financial records, meeting records, printed material, and photographs. Additional professional files document Donaldson's involvement with other committees and conferences, including his role as guest editor for the International Review of African American Art.

Research files provide additional material related to Donaldson's dissertation and his teaching career. Of particular note is correspondence from the 1940s-1950s between the Harmon Foundation and the Department of Art at Howard University, as well as notes and a photograph of Harlem Renaissance artists outside 306 West 41st Street where Charles Alston taught art classes.
Teaching files document Donaldson's role as art department chairman and subsequently dean of the College of Fine Arts at Howard University, through correspondence and employment records. The files also include his lecture notebooks and other course documentation.

Personal business records document Donaldson's personal art collection, as well as appraisals, sales, and consignments of his own artwork. Printed material includes announcements and catalogs for exhibitions of Donaldson's artwork and the artwork of others, as well as news clippings compiled by him on subjects of interest, particularly African American artists and racial injustice.

Photographs are primarily slides of Donaldson's artwork produced from the 1950s to 2000, but also include some photos of Donaldson, including contact sheets and photographs of late career portraits, and photos of Donaldson with his wife, Arnicia. One set of photos documents a visit to Uganda in 1974, where Donaldson and his travel companions met with Idi Amin.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged as 12 series.

- Series 1: Biographical Material, 1954-2004 (0.3 Linear feet; Box 1, OV 14)
- Series 2: Correspondence, 1957-2004 (0.3 Linear feet; Box 1)
- Series 3: Interviews, 1959-1997 (1.7 Linear feet; Boxes 1-3)
- Series 4: Writings, 1963-2003 (0.5 Linear feet; Box 3)
- Series 5: Artist Files, 1928-2003 (1.1 Linear feet; Boxes 3-4)
- Series 6: Exhibition Files, circa 1966-2000 (1.3 Linear feet; Boxes 4-6)
- Series 7: Professional Files, 1960s-2005 (5.2 Linear feet; Boxes 6-11, OV 14)
- Series 8: Research Files, 1930-2001 (0.4 Linear feet; Box 11)
- Series 9: Teaching Files, 1961-2002 (0.6 Linear feet; Boxes 11-12)
- Series 10: Personal Business Records, 1966-2001 (0.2 Linear feet; Box 12)
- Series 11: Printed Material, 1918-2003 (0.5 linear feet; Box 12)
- Series 12: Photographs and Personal Sound Recordings, 1956-2003 (0.4 Linear feet; Box 13)

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- African American painters
- Black Arts movement

Types of Materials:
- Interviews
- Photographs
- Sound recordings

Names:
- AFRICOBRA (Artists' group)
- Conference on the Functional Aspects of Black Art
- Howard University -- Faculty
- Organization of Black American Culture
World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture

Occupations:
Educators -- Washington (D.C.)
Painters -- Illinois -- Chicago
Painters -- Washington (D.C.)
Series 1: Biographical Material, 1954-2004

0.3 Linear feet (Box 1, OV 14)

Biographical material includes Donaldson's school, military, and divorce records, as well as various passports. Certificates include a copy of his birth certificate, two certificates of appointment to the District of Columbia Commission on the Arts and Humanities, and a leadership certificate from the African Heritage Studies Association. Also found is documentation on the renovation of Donaldson's Washington, DC, home and the LeDroit Park community, his daughter's written remarks from his memorial service, and various resumes and biographical summaries written by Donaldson and others.

The bulk of this series has been digitized. Divorce records have not been digitized.

Box 1, Folder 1 Biographical Summaries and Resumes, circa 1970s-1990s
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 2 Biographical Summaries and Resumes, 1990s-circa 2001
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 3 Certificates, 1968-1997
Image(s)
Oversized material housed in OV 14

Box 1, Folder 4 Divorces, 1987-1988, 1963

Box 1, Folder 5 FBI FOIPA Request, 1980
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 6 Home Renovation Project, LeDroit Park, 1979-1982
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 7 LeDroit Park, 1979-1998
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 8 Memorial, "Jam's Remarks", 2004
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 9 Passports, Jeff Donaldson, 1968-1997
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 10 Passports, Jameela Donaldson, 1979, 1987
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 11 School Records, 1954-1964
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 12 Screen Test, Velvet Film Productions, 1967-1968
Series 2: Correspondence, 1957-2004

0.3 Linear feet (Box 1)

Correspondence is from universities, arts organizations, committees, and colleagues, detailing Donaldson’s professional activities, including workshops, conferences, exhibitions, and publications. Also of note are a few letters from artist Gwendolyn Brooks and editor Hoyt Fuller, including correspondence between Donaldson and the African Studies and Research Center at Cornell University regarding Donaldson’s portrait of Fuller. Correspondence from 1979 includes a transcript of a 1979 interview of Donaldson conducted by Kay Brown in January, 1979. A substantial amount of additional correspondence is included in Series 7: Professional Files.

General correspondence is primarily incoming. Outgoing correspondence consists primarily of copies of Donaldson’s outgoing letters with some replies.

The series has been digitized in entirety.

Box 1, Folder 14  Brooks, Gwendolyn , circa 1969-1997
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 15  Fuller, Hoyt, 1968-1983
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 16  Jackson, Angela , circa 1978-1981
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 17  Letters of Congratulations on Wedding, 1971
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 18  General Correspondence, 1957-1969
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 19  General Correspondence, 1970-1980
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 20  General Correspondence, 1981
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 21  General Correspondence, 1982
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 22  General Correspondence, 1983
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 23  General Correspondence, 1984-1985
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 24  General Correspondence, 1987-1989
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 25  General Correspondence, 1990-1999
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 26  General Correspondence, 2000-2004
Box 1, Folder 27  Undated General Correspondence, circa 1990s

Box 1, Folder 28  Outgoing Correspondence, 1969-1973

Box 1, Folder 29  Outgoing Correspondence, 1977-1978

Box 1, Folder 30  Outgoing Correspondence, 1980-1981

Box 1, Folder 31  Outgoing Correspondence, 1982-1985

Box 1, Folder 32  Outgoing Correspondence, 1986-1989

Box 1, Folder 33  Outgoing Correspondence, 1990-1993

Image(s)

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1.7 Linear feet (Boxes1-3)

This series includes two transcripts of interviews of Jeff Donaldson as well as sound recordings of at least forty artist interviews conducted by Donaldson.

The 1979 interview of Donaldson, conducted by Peter Mark, focuses on AfriCOBRA, and includes related letters from Mark. The 1997 interview with Donaldson was conducted for a public television series on 20th century visual and performing arts, entitled *I'll Make Me A World: Stories of African American Art, Artists, and Community*.

Interviews with Charles Alston, Romare Bearden, Bob Blackburn, Aaron Douglas, Norman Lewis, Hale Woodruff, and others were conducted in 1972 as research for Donaldson's dissertation: "Generation '306' – Harlem, New York." These interviews detail each artists' experiences in the New York arts community during the Harlem Renaissance, and their memories of other African American artists working during that time. Interviews found at the end of the series possibly duplicate or supplement some of these interviews, although interviewees are not directly identified on the recordings or on the media.

Additional interviews found here were conducted primarily in 1980 and 1986-1987 as part of Donaldson's research on contemporary visual artists, and for various unspecified projects.

Following transcripts of Jeff Donaldson interviews, interviews are arranged in alphabetical order by interviewee. Some box and folder numbers appear out of order if they contain more than one interview on a single cassette.

A portion of this series has been digitized including paper records, such as transcripts, and some of the interviews.

Box 1, Folder 34
Interview of Jeff Donaldson, Transcript, 1978-1979

Image(s)
Transcript only.

Box 1, Folder 35
Interview of Jeff Donaldson for "I'll Make Me a World," Transcript, 1997

Image(s)
Transcript only.

Box 1, Folder 36
Tina Allen, undated
1 sound cassette

Box 1, Folder 37
Charles Alston, circa 1972
2 sound cassettes (incomplete copies of original recording)
1 sound cassette (original)

Box 1, Folder 38
Kwasi Asantey, Inkster, MI, 1986 October 17
1 sound cassette

Box 1, Folder 38
Ellsworth Ausby, circa 1972-circa 1987
1 sound cassette
Ausby cassette is blank.

Box 1, Folder 39
Romare Bearden Statement on 306 West 141st Street, circa 1972
2 sound cassettes (1 cassette is possibly a duplicate)
Box 1, Folder 40  
Romare Bearden, circa 1972  
1 sound cassette (Handwritten note on original cassette: “Bearden-reaction to outline”)  
Bearden interview is on one side of one sound cassette; found on second side of Bob Blackburn interview tape 2.

Box 1, Folder 41  
Phoebe Beasley, circa 1972-circa 1987  
1 sound cassette

Box 1, Folder 40  
Bob Blackburn, circa 1972  
1 sound cassette  
Blackburn interview is on two sides of two separate cassettes. Second cassette contains interview with Romare Bearden on its second side.

Box 1, Folder 42  
David Bradford, Oakland, CA, 1987 May 30  
1 sound cassette

Box 3, Folder 6  
Nathaniel Bustion, 1987  
Nathaniel Bustion interview is on second side of Mahler Ryder cassette.

Box 2, Folder 10  
Nancy Cox, 1987  
1 sound cassette  
Cox Interviews is on cassette with Nengudi and Westmoreland.

Box 1, Folder 42  
Dewey Crumpler, Berkeley, CA, 1987 May 31  
1 sound cassette

Box 1, Folder 43  
Louis Delsarte, circa 1972-circa 1987  
1 sound cassette

Box 1, Folder 43  
Milton Derr, Boston, MA, 1987 June 10  
1 sound cassette

Box 1, Folder 43  
Robert Dillworth, Chicago, 1987 May 17  
1 sound cassette

Box 1, Folder 43  
Dewey Crumpler, Berkeley, CA, 1987 May 31  
1 sound cassette

Box 2, Folder 1  
Aaron Douglas, circa 1972  
4 sound cassettes

Box 2, Folder 11  
Jeffrey Gaddy, 1987  
1 sound cassette  
Jeffrey Gaddy interview is on cassette with Rochelle Nickolas.

Box 2, Folder 2  
Tyrone Geter, Boston, MA, 1987 June 18  
1 sound cassette

Box 2, Folder 2  
Ron Griffin, Los Angeles, CA., 1987 June 3  
1 sound cassette

Box 2, Folder 3  
Maren Hassenger, circa 1987
1 sound cassette
Cassette is blank

Box 2, Folder 2
Freida High, 1959 June 28
1 sound cassette
Donaldson introduces High and she states her name, address, and telephone number. The interview then cuts off and the rest of the cassette is blank.

Box 2, Folder 3
Ray Holbert, Berkeley, CA, 1987 May 31
1 sound cassette

Box 2, Folder 4
Varnett Honeywood, Transcript of Interview; Mildred Howard, Berkeley, CA, 1990, 1987 May 30
1 sound cassette
Image(s)

Box 2, Folder 5
Suzanne Jackson, Oakland, CA, 1987 May 31
1 sound cassette

Box 3, Folder 3
Wadsworth Jarrell, 1987
Wadsworth Jarrell cassette also contains Joe Sam interview on its second.

Box 2, Folder 5
Lester Johnson, 1986 October 15
1 sound cassette

Box 2, Folder 5
Donald Joyce, 1980 May 18
1 sound cassette

Box 2, Folder 6
Norman Lewis, 1972 August 4
3 sound cassettes

Box 2, Folder 7
Jon Lockard, 1986 October 15
2 sound cassettes

Box 2, Folder 8
Lymos Medlock, circa 1987
1 sound cassette

Box 2, Folder 8
Lev Mills, Atlanta, GA, 1987 May 20
1 sound cassette
Image(s)
Includes transcript.

Box 3, Folder 4
Lev Mills, 1987 May 20
1 sound cassettes (microcassette)
Probably duplicate recording. Lev Mills interview is on second side of James Phillips cassette.

Box 2, Folder 9
Arthur Monroe, Oakland, CA, 1987 May 30
2 sound cassettes

Box 2, Folder 10
Senga Nengudi, 1987
1 sound cassette (Handwritten note on original cassette: “Los Angeles Artists. 1. Senga Nengudi 2. Lamonte Westmoreland 3. Nancy Cox) Cassette with Senga Nengudi interview also contains interviews with Lamonte Westmoreland (16 minutes) and Nancy Cox (37 minutes)

Box 2, Folder 11 Rochelle Nickolas, 1987
1 sound cassette
Nickolas cassette also contains interview with Jeffrey Gaddy.

Box 2, Folder 12 Ademola Olugebefol, circa 1987
1 sound cassette

Box 2, Folder 12 Mary Lovelace O'Neal, Oakland, CA, 1987 May 31
1 sound cassette

Box 2, Folder 13 Curtis Patterson, Atlanta, GA, 1987 May 2
1 sound cassette
Image(s)
Includes transcript.

Box 2, Folder 14 James Phillips, Oakland, CA, 1987 May 29
2 sound cassettes

Box 3, Folder 3 James Phillips, 1987 May 29
1 sound cassettes (microcassette)

Box 2, Folder 15 W. Pickett, circa 1972-circa 1987
1 sound cassette

Box 3, Folder 5 Elliott Pinkney, 1987
Pinkney interview is on second side of Matthew Thomas cassette.

Box 2, Folder 15 R. Pious, circa 1972-circa 1987
1 sound cassette

Box 2, Folder 18 Arnold Prince, Providence, RI, circa 1987
1 sound cassette
Arnold Prince cassette also contains Claudia Widdis interview on its second side.

Box 2, Folder 16 David Ross, Chicago, IL, 1980 May 18
2 sound cassettes

Box 3, Folder 6 Mahler Ryder, 1987
Matthew Ryder cassette contains interview with Nathaniel Bustion on its second side.

Box 3, Folder 3 Joe Sam, 1987
Cassette with Joe Sam also contains interview with Wadsworth Jarrell.
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Series 4: Writings, 1963-2003

0.5 Linear feet (Box 3)

Writings are arranged as two subseries.

- 4.1: Writings by Donaldson, 1963-2003
- 4.2: Writings by Others, circa 1969-2002

4.1: Writings by Donaldson, 1963-2003

Donaldson's writings include drafts of articles, essays, and speeches written by Donaldson as well as notes, an outline, and excerpts of Donaldson's dissertation entitled "Generation '306' – Harlem, New York." Researchers should note that a complete version of the dissertation is not included in the collection.

This series has been digitized in entirety.

Box 3, Folder 7  
   Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 8  
   Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 9  
   Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 10  
   Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 11  
   Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 12  
   Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 13  
Dissertation, Final Preliminary Outline, 1968
   Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 14  
Dissertation, Notes and Research, circa 1960s
   Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 15  
   Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 16  
   Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 17  
4.2: Writings by Others, circa 1969-2002

This series has been digitized in entirety.

                    | Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 24  | Essays by Allan M. Gordon, circa 1970s-circa 1990s
                    | Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 25  | Essay by Moyo Okediji, 1995
                    | Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 26  | Essay by Edsel Reid, 1997
                    | Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 27  | Essays by A. B. Spellman, circa 1978
                    | Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 28  | Essays by Various Authors, circa 1969-1990s
                    | Image(s)
Box 3, Folder 29  | Poetry, circa 1970s
                    | Image(s)
Series 5: Artist Files, 1928-2003

1.1 Linear feet (Boxes 3-4)

Artist files were compiled by Donaldson for his dissertation research, course lectures, FESTAC, and other projects. Files may include handwritten notes, resumes, photographs of the artists and their artwork, press clippings, and exhibition publications; many also include "preliminary information sheets" compiled for his dissertation, and information collected for his study of contemporary visual artists during the 1980s. Only a few files include correspondence with the artist. Of note are a few letters from artist Romare Bearden and two letters from Jacob Lawrence. The Barry (Edmund) Gaither file includes the volume 1, number 1 issue of *ABA: A Journal of Affairs of Black Artists*, as well as correspondence regarding establishing the journal. The file on Archibald J. Motley, Jr., includes a handwritten manuscript entitled "How I Solve My Painting Problems," describing his artistic process and his detailed thoughts on depictions of African Americans in art. The file also includes a letter signed by seven artists protesting the method of selection for muralists for an exposition in Chicago at the Coliseum, and a 1928 photograph of Motley, Jr.

Artist files are arranged alphabetically by artist name. Within folders, records are arranged by type rather than chronologically.

The bulk of this series has been digitized.

Box 3, Folder 30 Alston, Charles, circa 1969-1976
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 31 Alston, Charles, 1969-1976
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 32 Auld, Michael, circa 1976-circa 1982
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 33 Auld, Rose, circa 1979
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 34 Bannarn, Henry, circa 1972
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 35 Bates, Add, undated
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 36 Bath, Youssouf, 1988-1996
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 37 Bearden, Romare, circa 1968-1991
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 38 Blackburn, Robert, circa 1970s
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 39 Boghossian, Skunder, 1997-2003
Image(s)

Box 3, Folder 40 Bradford, David, circa 1970s
Box 3, Folder 41  Burke, Selma, circa 1970s
Image(s)

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Exhibition files include detailed records of the TransAfrican Art Invitational Exhibition, curated by Donaldson in 1997 at the Orlando Museum of Art, and records of the solo and group exhibition of Donaldson's artwork from the late 1960s to 2000.

This series is arranged as 2 subseries.

- 9.2: Other Exhibitions, circa 1966-2000


Records of the TransAfrican Art Invitational Exhibition, curated by Donaldson at the Orlando Museum of Art in 1997, include biographical information about the participating artists, general records, and draft materials for the exhibition catalog. Information about the participating artists may include photographs and slides of the artists and their artworks, resumes, artist statements, exhibition publications, and press clippings. General records primarily include correspondence with the Orlando Museum of Art and others, planning documents, checklists, agreements, and a few photographs. Materials for the exhibition catalog include draft essays by several art historians, photographs of exhibited works, artist bios, and catalog proposals. Researchers should note that this exhibition coincides with Donaldson's guest editorship of a TransAfrican themed issue of the International Review of African American Art. Documentation about this publication (in subseries 10.5), may overlap with the documentation for the TransAfrican Art Invitational Exhibition catalog, which was never published.

The bulk of this series has been digitized.

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6.2: Other Exhibitions, circa 1966-2000

Records of group and solo exhibitions of Donaldson's artwork primarily date from 1980 to 2000 with a few documents from the late 1960s. Documentation found within the exhibition files may include correspondence, agreements, price lists, publications, press clippings, and photographs.

The bulk of this series has been digitized.

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7.1: AfriCOBRA, 1962-1999

0.9 Linear feet (Boxes 6-7)

Records of the African Commune of Bad Relevant Artists (AfriCOBRA) include documentation on the group's history, exhibitions, scattered meeting and financial records, photographs of the artists' work, and member files. General records include founding documents such as the group's articles of incorporation. Photographs include images of Donaldson and other members of the group, AfriCOBRA events, and the organization's emblem.

Member files include biographical information sheets, press clippings, photographs of the artists and artworks, and correspondence between the artist and Donaldson. One sound recording contains a conversation with member Frank Smith.

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The bulk of this series has been digitized.

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7.2: CONFABA, circa 1960s-1970s

0.3 Linear feet (Box 7)

CONFABA (Conference on the Functional Aspects of Black Art) was a conference held at Northwestern University in 1970. As an organizer of this event, Donaldson's records include correspondence, and general records, as well as post-conference feedback. General records include draft programs, lists of participants, press releases, and copies of presentations. Of note are sketches created during the event by several participants, including Margaret Burroughs, Eugenia V. Dunn, Tom Feelings, and Leatrice Y. Tucker.

Also found are photographs of the event and participants. Photographs by Box/Thomas Burroughs include photos of Ben Bey, Charlie Burroughs, Paul Keene, Omar Lama, Hughie Lee Smith, and Edsel Reid.
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FESTAC, also known as the Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture, was a major international festival held in Lagos, Nigeria, from January 15 to February 12, 1977. Donaldson was an event organizer and chairman of the United States Zonal Committee and his extensive records include planning documents, correspondence, reports, records of eleven planning meetings, including minutes and notes and a sound recording related to the first meeting, copies of all event colloquiums, lists of participants, entry forms, and press materials. Also found are drafts of his "documemoir" detailing the event. Correspondence includes that between board members, and with the Director of International
Coordination, Professor Chike Onwauchi. Also found are records documenting various grants and other funding sources for FESTAC.

Photographs document festival performers in all of the arts represented at FESTAC, including press photos of performers, as well as some photographs taken at festival events and meetings. Photographs by Hoyt Fuller include photos of Ossie Davis, Alioune Diop, Chief Anthony Enahoro, Katherine Dunham, Barbara Ann Teer, and Milton Martin.

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Box 10, Folder 20  Status Reports, 1976-1977  Image(s)
Box 10, Folder 21  USA/FESTAC Region Director's Special Recommendation, 1976  Image(s)
Box 10, Folder 22  Printed Materials, 1975-1977  Image(s)
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Box 10, Folder 33  Photographs, Music, A-M, circa 1970s  Image(s)
Box 10, Folder 34  Photographs, Music, O-Y, circa 1970s  Image(s)
Box 10, Folder 35  Photographs, Nigeria and Nigerian Officials, circa 1970s  Image(s)
7.4: Organization of Black American Culture, circa 1967-1987, 1997

0.2 Linear feet (Box 10)

The Organization of Black American Culture (OBAC) records compiled by Donaldson include administrative documentation on the formation of the group and the planning for its famous public artwork *The Wall of Respect*. Included are planning documents, press materials, and two photographs, including one of *The Wall of Respect*.

The bulk of this series has been digitized.

Box 10, Folder 44 General Records, circa 1967-1970s

Box 10, Folder 45 General Records, circa 1967-1970s

Box 10, Folder 46 General Records, 1967-1979

Box 10, Folder 47 Printed Material, 1967-1987

Box 10, Folder 48 Printed Material, 1997
7.5: Other Committees and Conferences, circa 1973-2005

0.4 Linear feet (Box 11)
Records of Donaldson's participation in other professional committees and conferences include planning documents, correspondence, photographs, draft writings for the events, and event publications. Researchers should note that files regarding his role as guest editor for an issue of the *International Review of African American Art* coincided with his curatorship of the *TransAfrican Art Invitational Exhibition* in 1997 (Series 6.1) and documentation on these activities may be found in both sets of records.

The bulk of this series has been digitized.

Box 11, Folder 1  Conference, "Africa 95", 1995
Image(s)

Box 11, Folder 2  *First World* Commemorative Issue Committee, 1981-1984
Image(s)

Box 11, Folder 3  Fundraiser for New Hebrides Islands, 1976
Image(s)

Image(s)

Box 11, Folder 5  Guest Editor, *International Review of African American Art*, 1997
Includes 1 3.5 inch floppy disk
Image(s)
Handwritten note on original disk: "Dr. Lisa E. Farrington. Feminism and Black Power."

Image(s)

Box 11, Folder 7  Kennedy Center "African Odyssey" Festival Advisory Conference, 1998-1999
Image(s)

Box 11, Folder 8  National Center of Afro-American Artists, 1997-2005
Image(s)

Box 11, Folder 9  Nominations for Sara Lee Frontrunner Awards, 1999
Image(s)

Box 11, Folder 10  Professional Activities, 1984-1986
Image(s)

Box 11, Folder 11  Symposium, University of Virgin Islands, 1999-2000
Box 11, Folder 12  Teacher's Workshop, National Museum of African Art, 2000
Image(s)
Series 8: Research Files, 1930-2001

0.4 Linear feet (Box 11)

Research files were compiled by Donaldson for his dissertation research, published essays, and course lectures. Files may include photocopied articles, handwritten notes, bibliographies, and other lists. Also of note are research files on the Harmon Foundation which includes original correspondence from the 1940s-1950s between the Harmon Foundation and the Department of Art at Howard University.

In the Works Progress Administration file is a photograph labeled "Photo at 306-C" of a group of artists including Charles Alston, Ad Bates, Fred Coleman, Selma Day, Edgar Evans, Cecil Gaylord, Silas Glen, Vertis Hayes, Ronald Joseph, Gwen Knight, Elba Lightfoot, Francisco Lord, O. Richard Reid, Gette Seabrook, and James Yaegargens. The group is pictured outside the Harlem Renaissance hub on West 41st Street where Alston taught art classes.

This series has been digitized in its entirety.

Box 11, Folder 13  John Henry Adams, circa 1970s
                    Image(s)
Box 11, Folder 14  Ancient Egypt, circa 1995
                    Image(s)
Box 11, Folder 15  Articles and Books, Miscellaneous, circa 1960s-circa 1990s
                    Image(s)
Box 11, Folder 16  Articles and Books, Miscellaneous, circa 1960s-circa 1990s
                    Image(s)
Box 11, Folder 17  Bibliographies, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
                    Image(s)
Box 11, Folder 18  Bibliographies, circa 1970s-1980s
                    Image(s)
Box 11, Folder 19  Bibliographies, circa 1970s-circa 1990s
                    Image(s)
Box 11, Folder 20  Bogolan, circa 1990
                    Image(s)
Box 11, Folder 21  Burke, Edmund, circa 1970s-circa 1990s
                    Image(s)
Box 11, Folder 22  Coleman, Floyd, circa 1975-1991
                    Image(s)
                    Image(s)
Box 11, Folder 24  Exhibitions (Historical, 1926-1941), circa 1980s
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Box 11, Folder 25  Father Divine, circa 1970s-circa 1990s
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Series 9: Teaching Files, 1961-2002

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Teaching files include Donaldson’s lecture notebooks, and a few course documents from his professorship at Howard University. Also found are other employment records, correspondence, and committee files documenting his role as chairman of the Art Department and later dean of the College of Fine Arts at Howard University. An interview with J. Weldon Norris from the Howard University music department is recorded on two microcassettes. One file documents Donaldson’s earlier teaching appointment at John Marshall High School in Chicago and includes photographs of Donaldson appearing in a production of *Purlie Victorious* at the school.

The bulk of this series has been digitized.

- Box 11, Folder 37: CICS Africana Studies Proposal Preparation Committee, 2002
  - Image(s)
- Box 11, Folder 38: Course Documents, African American Art, circa 1995
  - Image(s): Course Documents, African-American Art
- Box 11, Folder 39: Employment Agreements, 1965-1983
  - Image(s)
- Box 11, Folder 40: Howard University, Correspondence Regarding Appointments, 1970-1985
  - Image(s)
- Box 11, Folder 41: Howard University, Dean Appointment, 1991-1992
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- Box 11, Folder 42: Howard University, Department of Music, 1991-1996
  - Image(s)
- Box 11, Folder 43: Howard University, Department of Music, 1994-1996
  - Image(s)
- Box 11, Folder 44: Howard University, Department of Music, Interview with J. Weldon Norris and Chairmanship Review, 1995
  - 2 sound cassettes (microcassette)
- Box 11, Folder 45: Howard University, Honorary Degree Nominees, 1991-1992
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  - Image(s)
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Personal business records include records of a scholarship from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, an appraisal ledger and other documentation regarding Donaldson's art collection, expenses, legal agreements, and scattered records on the sale and consignment of his paintings. Also found are a few documents regarding Donaldson's small business, Art and Culture Enterprises, and agreements to design album covers for Jazz American Marketing.

The bulk of this series has been digitized. Routine expense records, such as miscellaneous receipts, have not been digitized.

Box 12, Folder 8         Alumni Scholarship Endowment, 1986-1998
                         Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 9         Appraisal Ledger, circa 1984-1987
                         Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 10        Art and Culture Enterprises Consignment Form, circa 1980
                         Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 11        Art Collection, 1966-1972
                         Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 12        Art Collection, circa 1972-1999
                         Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 13        Artwork Sales and Consignments, 1985-1994
                         Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 14        Business Cards and Contacts, circa 1990s
                         Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 15        Collection of Sidney F. Donaldson II, circa 1998
                         Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 16        Expenses, August-September, 2001
                         Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 17        Jazz American Marketing, 1981, 1986
                         Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 18        Legal Services, National Endowment for Humanities Grant, 1979-1980
                         Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 19        Loss of Souleymane Keita Painting, "Un Voyage Sans Retour", 1978
                         Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 20        Printing Agreement, 1986
                         Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 21        Small Business Planning Documents, circa 1970s
Series 11: Printed Material, 1918-2003

0.5 Linear feet (Box 12)

Printed material includes programs, brochures, announcements, and catalogs for exhibitions and other events that Donaldson participated in during his career, including an invitation from the White House to attend an April 1980 National Conference of Artists event to honor African American artists. Also included are a few catalogs and announcements for exhibitions of works by other artists. News clippings and articles about Donaldson include some from *New Art Examiner* documenting his professional activities. Also found are news clippings compiled by Donaldson on topics of interest to him, and a folder of some of Donaldson's school alumni publications.

The bulk of this series has been digitized.

Box 12, Folder 22  
Announcements and Catalogs for Donaldson, circa 1968-1981  
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 23  
Announcements and Catalogs for Donaldson, 1991-1999  
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 24  
Announcements and Catalogs for Others, circa 1968-circa 1984  
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 25  
Announcements and Catalogs for Others, circa 1987-1988  
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 26  
Announcements and Catalogs for Donaldson, 1993-2000  
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 27  
Articles About Donaldson, 1969-2001  
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 28  
Event Programs and Brochures, circa 1967-1979  
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 29  
Event Programs and Brochures, 1980-1984  
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 30  
Event Programs and Brochures, 1985-2003  
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 31  
Miscellaneous Printed Material, 1968-1995, 1918  
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 32  
News Clippings, Africa, circa 1990s  
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 33  
News Clippings, Art, 1948-1999  
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 34  
News Clippings, Black Art, circa 1969-1971
Box 12, Folder 35  News Clippings, Black Art, 1981-2003
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 36  News Clippings, Black Panther Party, circa 1969-1971
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 37  News Clippings, "Blacks In America" Series, Christian Science Monitor, 1969
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 38  News Clippings, Civil Rights, 1984, 2000
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 39  News Clippings, Editorial Cartoons, circa 1969-circa 1970
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 40  News Clippings, General, circa 1970s-2003
Image(s)

Box 12, Folder 41  News Clippings, General, circa 1970s-2003
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Box 12, Folder 42  News Clippings, Prisons, circa 1998-2000
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Photographs depict Donaldson with his wife Arnicia, a visit to Uganda in 1974, an Arizona State University symposium, and late-career professional portraits. Photographs taken in Uganda include photos of Donaldson's group with Idi Amin and some related memorabilia such as a menu inscribed with a message from Amin to Donaldson. Photographs of others include a copy of a photograph taken of a Sunday School class in Arkansas, possibly including Donaldson. Other individuals pictured include Linda Council, and musicologist Eileen Southern.

Also found are a few photographs of family members, and friends, as well as photographs and slides of Donaldson's artwork and the artwork of others.

Three personal sound recordings are found at the end of the series: a recording of a household with a baby girl, probably Jameela Donaldson, in the background with her caregiver; a recording of Miles Davis's 1986 release *Tutu*; and a 1987 recording that appears to have been made from radio of an interview with Romare Bearden, possibly one conducted by Charlayne Hunter-Gault in 1986, followed by news items.

This bulk of this series has been digitized.

Box 13, Folder 1  Of Jeff Donaldson, 2003, 1960-1990s
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 2  Of Jeff Donaldson, Portraits, 1960-2003
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 3  Of Jeff and Arnicia Donaldson, circa 1971-circa 1974, circa 1971
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 4  Of Family, circa 1990s
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 5  Of Others , circa 1970s-1990s
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 6  Of Arizona State Symposium, 1985
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 7  Of Visit to Uganda, circa 1974
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 8  Of Visit to Uganda, circa 1974
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 9  Of Visit to Uganda, With Idi Amin, circa 1974
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 10 Of Artwork by Jeff Donaldson, Slides, 1956-1962
Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 11 Of Artwork by Jeff Donaldson, Slides, 1963-1967
Box 13, Folder 12  Of Artwork by Jeff Donaldson, Slides, 1967-1986
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Box 13, Folder 13  Of Artwork by Jeff Donaldson, Slides, 1987-2002
   Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 14  Of Artwork by Jeff Donaldson, Slides, circa 1960s-circa 2000
   Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 15  Of Artwork by Others, circa 1970s-circa 1990s
   Image(s)

Box 13, Folder 16  Personal Sound Recording, 1974
   2 sound cassettes (1 cassette appears to be a duplicate)

Box 13, Folder 16  Personal Sound Recording, circa 1986
   1 sound cassette

Box 13, Folder 16  Personal Sound Recording, 1987 May 17
   1 sound cassettes (microcassette)
   Personal recording of Romare Bearden interview probably from radio.