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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Jeff Donaldson papers
Date:	1918-2005 (bulk 1960s-2005)
Identifier:	AAA.donajeff
Creator:	Donaldson, Jeff, 1932-2004
Extent:	12.5 Linear feet 0.003 Gigabytes
Language:	English .
Summary:	The papers of African American artist and educator Jeff Donaldson measure 12.5 linear feet and 0.003 GB 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 and digital 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 <i>Wall of Respect</i> 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. Born-digital materials were processed by Kirsi

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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

The papers of African American artist and educator Jeff Donaldson measure 12.5 linear feet and 0.003 GB 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 and digital 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.

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 and digital 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 and digital 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.

Missing Title:

- 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, 0.002 GB: ER01-ER02)
- Series 7: Professional Files, 1960s-2005 (5.2 Linear feet; Boxes 6-11, OV 14, 0.001 GB; ER03)
- 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 art -- African influences
African American artists
African American educators
African American painters
Black Arts movement
HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities)

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Photographs
Sound recordings

Names:

AFRICOBRA (Group of artists)
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.)

Container Listing

Series 1: Biographical Material, 1954-2004

0.3 Linear feet (Box 1, OV 14)

Scope and Contents: 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.

Available Formats: 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
Box 1, Folder 2	Biographical Summaries and Resumes, 1990s-circa 2001
Box 1, Folder 3	Certificates, 1968-1997 Notes: Oversized material housed in OV 14
Box 1, Folder 4	Divorces, 1987-1988, 1963
Box 1, Folder 5	FBI FOIPA Request, 1980
Box 1, Folder 6	Home Renovation Project, LeDroit Park, 1979-1982
Box 1, Folder 7	LeDroit Park, 1979-1998
Box 1, Folder 8	Memorial, "Jam's Remarks", 2004
Box 1, Folder 9	Passports, Jeff Donaldson, 1968-1997
Box 1, Folder 10	Passports, Jameela Donaldson, 1979, 1987
Box 1, Folder 11	School Records, 1954-1964
Box 1, Folder 12	Screen Test, Velvet Film Productions, 1967-1968
Box 1, Folder 13	Veterans Administration, 1955-1986
Oversize 14	Oversized Certificates from Box 1, folder 3

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Series 2: Correspondence, 1957-2004

0.3 Linear feet (Box 1)

Scope and Contents: 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.

Available Formats: The series has been digitized in entirety.

Box 1, Folder 14	Brooks, Gwendolyn, circa 1969-1997
Box 1, Folder 15	Fuller, Hoyt, 1968-1983
Box 1, Folder 16	Jackson, Angela, circa 1978-1981
Box 1, Folder 17	Letters of Congratulations on Wedding, 1971
Box 1, Folder 18	General Correspondence, 1957-1969
Box 1, Folder 19	General Correspondence, 1970-1980
Box 1, Folder 20	General Correspondence, 1981
Box 1, Folder 21	General Correspondence, 1982
Box 1, Folder 22	General Correspondence, 1983
Box 1, Folder 23	General Correspondence, 1984-1985
Box 1, Folder 24	General Correspondence, 1987-1989
Box 1, Folder 25	General Correspondence, 1990-1999
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

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Series 3: Interviews, 1959-1997

1.7 Linear feet (Boxes1-3)

Scope and Contents: 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.

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

Arrangement: 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.

Box 1, Folder 34	Interview of Jeff Donaldson, Transcript, 1978-1979 Notes: Transcript only.
Box 1, Folder 35	Interview of Jeff Donaldson for "I'll Make Me a World," Transcript, 1997 Notes: 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 Notes: 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") Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: Nathaniel Bustion interview is on second side of Mahler Ryder cassette.
Box 2, Folder 10	Nancy Cox, 1987 1 Sound cassette Notes: 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 2, Folder 1	Aaron Douglas, circa 1972 4 Sound cassettes
Box 2, Folder 11	Jeffrey Gaddy, 1987 1 Sound cassette Notes: 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 Notes: Cassette is blank
Box 2, Folder 2	Freida High, 1959 June 28 1 Sound cassette Notes: 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
Box 2, Folder 5	Suzanne Jackson, Oakland, CA, 1987 May 31 1 Sound cassette
Box 3, Folder 3	Wadsworth Jarrell, 1987 Notes: 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	Lev Mills, Atlanta, GA and Lymos Medlock, 1987 May 20, circa 1987 1 Sound cassette Image(s): Lev Mills, Atlanta, GA Notes: Includes transcript for Lev Mills interview.
Box 3, Folder 4	Lev Mills, 1987 May 20 1 Sound cassettes (microcassette) Notes: 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)
Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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) Notes: Probably duplicate recording. Cassette contains interview with Lev Mills on its second side.
Box 2, Folder 15	W. Pickett, circa 1972-circa 1987 1 Sound cassette
Box 3, Folder 5	Elliott Pinkney, 1987 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: Matthew Ryder cassette contains interview with Nathaniel Bustion on its second side.
Box 3, Folder 3	Joe Sam, 1987

	Notes: Cassette with Joe Sam also contains interview with Wadsworth Jarrell.
Box 2, Folder 17	Earl Sweeting, undated 2 Sound cassettes
Box 3, Folder 5	Matthew Thomas, 1987 Notes: Cassette contains interview with Elliott Pinkney on its second side.
Box 2, Folder 10	Lamonte Westmoreland, 1987 1 Sound cassette Notes: Westmoreland interview is on cassette with Cox and Nengudi interviews
Box 2, Folder 18	Claudia Widdis, Providence, RI, 1987 June 17 1 Sound cassette Notes: Widdis interview is on second side of Arnold Prince cassette.
Box 2, Folder 19	Shirley Woodson Reid, Detroit, MI, and Hale Woodruff, 1986 October 17 , circa 1972 1 Sound cassette (Shirley Woodson Reid interview.) 3 Sound cassettes (Hale Woodruff interview.) Image(s): Shirley Woodson Reid, Detroit, MI Notes: Includes transcript for Shirley Woodson Reid interview.
Box 2, Folder 20	Interviews for "Generation '306' - Harlem, New York", circa 1972 3 Sound cassettes
Box 3, Folder 1	Interviews for "Generation '306' - Harlem, New York", circa 1972 2 Sound cassettes
Box 3, Folder 2	Interviews for "Generation '306' - Harlem, New York", circa 1972 2 Sound cassettes

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Series 4: Writings, 1963-2003

0.5 Linear feet (Box 3)

Arrangement: 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

Scope and Contents: 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.

Available Formats: This series has been digitized in entirety.

Box 3, Folder 7	Article, "John A. Kendrick: A Salute," The Black Collegian, 1982-1983
Box 3, Folder 8	Article, "The Trans-African Art," The Black Collegian, circa 1980-1996
Box 3, Folder 9	Article, "The Trans-African Art," The Black Collegian, circa 1980-1996
Box 3, Folder 10	Catalog Essay for Ethiopian Passages: Dialogues in the Diaspora (2003), 2000-2003
Box 3, Folder 11	Catalog Essay for Ethiopian Passages: Dialogues in the Diaspora (2003), 2000-2003
Box 3, Folder 12	Catalog Essay for Ethiopian Passages: Dialogues in the Diaspora (2003), 2000-2003
Box 3, Folder 13	Dissertation, Final Preliminary Outline, 1968
Box 3, Folder 14	Dissertation, Notes and Research, circa 1960s
Box 3, Folder 15	Draft Excerpts, "Generation '306' - Harlem, New York", circa 1974
Box 3, Folder 16	Draft Excerpts, "Generation '306' - Harlem, New York", circa 1974
Box 3, Folder 17	Exhibition Review and Research Material, B-CAUSE, circa 1992-1996
Box 3, Folder 18	Masters Degree Thesis, 1963
Box 3, Folder 19	Notes and Draft Lectures on TransAfrican Art, circa 1990s
Box 3, Folder 20	Notes and Draft Lectures on TransAfrican Art, circa 1990s
Box 3, Folder 21	Speeches, circa 1970s-1990s

Box 3, Folder 22	Speeches, circa 1970s-1990s
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4.2: Writings by Others, circa 1969-2002

Available This series has been digitized in entirety.

Formats:

Box 3, Folder 23	Essay by Tuliza K. Fleming, 1997, 2002
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Box 3, Folder 24	Essays by Allan M. Gordon, circa 1970s-circa 1990s
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Box 3, Folder 25	Essay by Moyo Okediji, 1995
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Box 3, Folder 26	Essay by Edsel Reid, 1997
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Box 3, Folder 27	Essays by A. B. Spellman, circa 1978
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Box 3, Folder 28	Essays by Various Authors, circa 1969-1990s
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Box 3, Folder 29	Poetry, circa 1970s
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Series 5: Artist Files, 1928-2003

1.1 Linear feet (Boxes 3-4)

Scope and Contents:	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 <i>ABA: A Journal of Affairs of Black Artists</i> , 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.
Arrangement:	Artist files are arranged alphabetically by artist name. Within folders, records are arranged by type rather than chronologically.
Available Formats:	The bulk of this series has been digitized.

Box 3, Folder 30	Alston, Charles, circa 1969-1976
Box 3, Folder 31	Alston, Charles, 1969-1976
Box 3, Folder 32	Auld, Michael, circa 1976-circa 1982
Box 3, Folder 33	Auld, Rose, circa 1979
Box 3, Folder 34	Bannarn, Henry, circa 1972
Box 3, Folder 35	Bates, Add, undated
Box 3, Folder 36	Bath, Youssouf, 1988-1996
Box 3, Folder 37	Bearden, Romare, circa 1968-1991
Box 3, Folder 38	Blackburn, Robert, circa 1970s
Box 3, Folder 39	Boghossian, Skunder, 1997-2003
Box 3, Folder 40	Bradford, David, circa 1970s
Box 3, Folder 41	Burke, Selma, circa 1970s
Box 3, Folder 42	Burroughs, Margaret, 1969-1976
Box 3, Folder 43	Byard, Carole, circa 1970s

Box 3, Folder 44	Carter, Willie, circa 1980s
Box 3, Folder 45	Cortor, Eldzier, circa 1970s
Box 3, Folder 46	Crichlow, Ernest, circa 1970s
Box 3, Folder 47	Dawson, Charles, circa 1960s-circa 1970s
Box 3, Folder 48	Delaney, Joseph, circa 1970s
Box 3, Folder 49	Delsarte, Louis, 1970s-1989
Box 3, Folder 50	Douglas, Aaron, circa 1970s
Box 3, Folder 51	Fax, Elton, undated
Box 4, Folder 1	Feelings, Tom, circa 1972
Box 4, Folder 2	Gaither, Barry (Edmund), 1970-1971
Box 4, Folder 3	Hayden, Palmer, circa 1969-1970s
Box 4, Folder 4	Hooks, Earl, 1966-1976
Box 4, Folder 5	Howard, John, 1950-1987
Box 4, Folder 6	Howard, John, Correspondence, circa 1968-1982
Box 4, Folder 7	Jackson, Suzanne, 1971-1986
Box 4, Folder 8	Johnson, Lester, circa 1974-1990
Box 4, Folder 9	Johnson, Malvin Gray, circa 1970s
Box 4, Folder 10	Johnson, Marie, circa 1970s
Box 4, Folder 11	Johnson, Sargent, 1970s
Box 4, Folder 12	Johnson, William H., circa 1969-1971
Box 4, Folder 13	Jones, Lawrence, circa 1970s
Box 4, Folder 14	Jones, Lois Mailou, circa 1949-1979
Box 4, Folder 15	Joseph, Ronald, circa 1970s
Box 4, Folder 16	Keene, Paul, 1970s

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Series 6: Exhibition Files, circa 1966-2000

1.3 Linear feet (Boxes 4-6)

0.002 Gigabytes (ER01-ER02)

Arrangement: This series is arranged as 2 subseries.

Missing Title:

- 9.1: *TransAfrican Art Invitational Exhibition* Files, 1980s-1998
- 9.2: Other Exhibitions, circa 1966-2000

Scope and Contents: 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.

6.1: *TransAfrican Art Invitational Exhibition* (1997-1998), 1980s-1998

Scope and Contents: 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.

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6.2: Other Exhibitions, circa 1966-2000

Scope and Contents: 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.

Available Formats: The bulk of this series has been digitized.

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0.001 Gigabytes (ER03)

Arrangement: This series is arranged as 5 subseries.

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- 7.2: CONFABA, circa 1960s-1970s (0.3 linear feet; Box 7)
- 7.3: FESTAC, circa 1963-1981 (3.4 linear feet; Boxes 7-10, OV 14)
- 7.4: Organization of Black American Culture, circa 1967-1987, 1997 (0.2 linear feet; Box 10)
- 7.5: Other Committees and Conferences, circa 1973-2005 (0.4 linear feet; Box 11)

7.1: AfriCOBRA, 1962-1999

0.9 Linear feet (Boxes 6-7)

Scope and Contents: 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.

Slides are primarily of artwork, but also include some images of artists.

Available Formats: The bulk of this series has been digitized.

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7.2: CONFABA, circa 1960s-1970s

0.3 Linear feet (Box 7)

Scope and Contents: 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.

Available Formats: The bulk of this series has been digitized.

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7.3: FESTAC, circa 1963-1981

3.4 Linear feet (Boxes 7-10, OV 14)

Scope and Contents: 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.

Available Formats: The bulk of this series has been digitized.

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Box 9, Folder 21	List of Bon FESTAC Audio Tape Recordings, circa 1977
Box 9, Folder 22	List of Bon FESTAC Video Tape Recordings, circa 1977
Box 9, Folder 23	List of Participants, circa 1977
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Meeting Records

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7.4: Organization of Black American Culture, circa 1967-1987, 1997

0.2 Linear feet (Box 10)

Scope and Contents: 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*.

Available Formats: The bulk of this series has been digitized.

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7.5: Other Committees and Conferences, circa 1973-2005

0.4 Linear feet (Box 11)

Scope and Contents: 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.

Available Formats: The bulk of this series has been digitized.

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Series 8: Research Files, 1930-2001

0.4 Linear feet (Box 11)

Scope and Contents: 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 Yaearegens. The group is pictured outside the Harlem Renaissance hub on West 41st Street where Alston taught art classes.

Available Formats: This series has been digitized in its entirety.

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Box 11, Folder 14	Ancient Egypt, circa 1995
Box 11, Folder 15	Articles and Books, Miscellaneous, circa 1960s-circa 1990s
Box 11, Folder 16	Articles and Books, Miscellaneous, circa 1960s-circa 1990s
Box 11, Folder 17	Bibliographies, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
Box 11, Folder 18	Bibliographies, circa 1970s-1980s
Box 11, Folder 19	Bibliographies, circa 1970s-circa 1990s
Box 11, Folder 20	Bogolan, circa 1990
Box 11, Folder 21	Burke, Edmund, circa 1970s-circa 1990s
Box 11, Folder 22	Coleman, Floyd, circa 1975-1991
Box 11, Folder 23	DuBois, W. E. B., circa 1970s-circa 1990s
Box 11, Folder 24	Exhibitions (Historical, 1926-1941), circa 1980s
Box 11, Folder 25	Father Divine, circa 1970s-circa 1990s
Box 11, Folder 26	Garvey, Marcus, 1970s-1980s
Box 11, Folder 27	Ghent, Henri, circa 1968-1974
Box 11, Folder 28	Harlem, circa 1971-circa 1980s

Box 11, Folder 29	Harmon Foundation, 1930s
Box 11, Folder 30	Harmon Foundation, 1930-1956
Box 11, Folder 31	Harmon Foundation, 1953-1970s
Box 11, Folder 32	Harmon Foundation, circa 1970s
Box 11, Folder 33	Locke, Alain, circa 1957-circa 1998
Box 11, Folder 34	Research Resource Lists, 1942, 1986
Box 11, Folder 35	Slavery, circa 2001
Box 11, Folder 36	Works Progress Administration, circa 1935-1980

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Series 9: Teaching Files, 1961-2002

0.6 Linear feet (Boxes 11-12)

Scope and Contents: 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.

Available Formats: The bulk of this series has been digitized.

Box 11, Folder 37	CICS Africana Studies Proposal Preparation Committee, 2002
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
Box 11, Folder 40	Howard University, Correspondence Regarding Appointments, 1970-1985
Box 11, Folder 41	Howard University, Dean Appointment, 1991-1992
Box 11, Folder 42	Howard University, Department of Music, 1991-1996
Box 11, Folder 43	Howard University, Department of Music, 1994-1996
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
Box 12, Folder 1	John Marshall High School, circa 1961-1965
Box 12, Folder 2	John Marshall High School, 1961-1967
Box 12, Folder 3	Lecture Notebook, American Art, 1968-circa 1984
Box 12, Folder 4	Lecture Notebook, Art Appreciation, circa 1970s
Box 12, Folder 5	Lecture Notebook, circa 1979
Box 12, Folder 6	Lecture Notebook, circa 1980s

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[Lecture Notebook, circa 1991](#)

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Series 10: Personal Business Records, 1966-2001

0.2 Linear feet (Box 12)

Scope and Contents: 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.

Available Formats: 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
Box 12, Folder 9	Appraisal Ledger, circa 1984-1987
Box 12, Folder 10	Art and Culture Enterprises Consignment Form, circa 1980
Box 12, Folder 11	Art Collection, 1966-1972
Box 12, Folder 12	Art Collection, circa 1972-1999
Box 12, Folder 13	Artwork Sales and Consignments, 1985-1994
Box 12, Folder 14	Business Cards and Contacts, circa 1990s
Box 12, Folder 15	Collection of Sidney F. Donaldson II, circa 1998
Box 12, Folder 16	Expenses, August-September, 2001
Box 12, Folder 17	Jazz American Marketing, 1981, 1986
Box 12, Folder 18	Legal Services, National Endowment for Humanities Grant, 1979-1980
Box 12, Folder 19	Loss of Souleymane Keita Painting, "Un Voyage Sans Retour", 1978
Box 12, Folder 20	Printing Agreement, 1986
Box 12, Folder 21	Small Business Planning Documents, circa 1970s

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Series 11: Printed Material, 1918-2003

0.5 Linear feet (Box 12)

Scope and Contents: 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.

Available Formats: The bulk of this series has been digitized.

Box 12, Folder 22	Announcements and Catalogs for Donaldson, circa 1968-1981
Box 12, Folder 23	Announcements and Catalogs for Donaldson, 1991-1999
Box 12, Folder 24	Announcements and Catalogs for Others, circa 1968-circa 1984
Box 12, Folder 25	Announcements and Catalogs for Others, circa 1987-1988
Box 12, Folder 26	Announcements and Catalogs for Donaldson, 1993-2000
Box 12, Folder 27	Articles About Donaldson, 1969-2001
Box 12, Folder 28	Event Programs and Brochures, circa 1967-1979
Box 12, Folder 29	Event Programs and Brochures, 1980-1984
Box 12, Folder 30	Event Programs and Brochures, 1985-2003
Box 12, Folder 31	Miscellaneous Printed Material, 1968-1995, 1918
Box 12, Folder 32	News Clippings, Africa, circa 1990s
Box 12, Folder 33	News Clippings, Art, 1948-1999
Box 12, Folder 34	News Clippings, Black Art, circa 1969-1971
Box 12, Folder 35	News Clippings, Black Art, 1981-2003
Box 12, Folder 36	News Clippings, Black Panther Party, circa 1969-1971
Box 12, Folder 37	News Clippings, "Blacks In America" Series, Christian Science Monitor, 1969
Box 12, Folder 38	News Clippings, Civil Rights, 1984, 2000

Box 12, Folder 39	News Clippings, Editorial Cartoons, circa 1969-circa 1970
Box 12, Folder 40	News Clippings, General, circa 1970s-2003
Box 12, Folder 41	News Clippings, General, circa 1970s-2003
Box 12, Folder 42	News Clippings, Prisons, circa 1998-2000
Box 12, Folder 43	School Alumni Publications, 1993, 1976-1979

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Series 12: Photographs and Personal Sound Recordings, circa 1970s-circa 2000

0.4 Linear feet (Box 13)

Scope and Contents: 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.

Available Formats: This bulk of this series has been digitized.

Box 13, Folder 1	Of Jeff Donaldson, 2003, 1960-1990s
Box 13, Folder 2	Of Jeff Donaldson, Portraits, 1960-2003
Box 13, Folder 3	Of Jeff and Arnicia Donaldson, circa 1971-circa 1974, circa 1971
Box 13, Folder 4	Of Family, circa 1990s
Box 13, Folder 5	Of Others, circa 1970s-1990s
Box 13, Folder 6	Of Arizona State Symposium, 1985
Box 13, Folder 7	Of Visit to Uganda, circa 1974
Box 13, Folder 8	Of Visit to Uganda, circa 1974
Box 13, Folder 9	Of Visit to Uganda, With Idi Amin, circa 1974
Box 13, Folder 10	Of Artwork by Jeff Donaldson, Slides, 1956-1962
Box 13, Folder 11	Of Artwork by Jeff Donaldson, Slides, 1963-1967
Box 13, Folder 12	Of Artwork by Jeff Donaldson, Slides, 1967-1986
Box 13, Folder 13	Of Artwork by Jeff Donaldson, Slides, 1987-2002
Box 13, Folder 14	Of Artwork by Jeff Donaldson, Slides, circa 1960s-circa 2000

Box 13, Folder 15	Of Artwork by Others, circa 1970s-circa 1990s
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) Notes: Personal recording of Romare Bearden interview probably from radio.

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