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George A. Dondero correspondence  
with Cecil F. Chamberlain

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	George A. Dondero correspondence with Cecil F. Chamberlain
<b>Date:</b>	1950 Feb. 5- Mar. 23
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<b>Creator:</b>	Dondero, George A. (George Anthony), 1883-1968
<b>Extent:</b>	3 Items
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 2009 by the Oregon State University Libraries via Head of Special Collections, Cliff Mead. The letters, appearing to be an incomplete string of correspondence, were found by a staff member in the History Department Archives.

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## Biographical / Historical

George A. Dondero (1883-1968) was a Congressman from Michigan. D.C. Dondero was known for mounting an attack on Modern Art during the 1950s. In 1952, he told Congress that Modern Art was a conspiracy by Moscow to spread Communism in the United States.

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## Scope and Contents

Correspondence between Cecil Chamberlain, a board member for the Society of Western Artists, and Congressman George A. Dondero pertaining to Dondero's March 25, 1949 speech to Congress, Communists Maneuver to Control Art in the United States. Chamberlain asks Dondero to send copies of his speech in the Congressional Record exposing the Artist Equity Association to the Society of Western Artists. Dondero replies by thanking Chamberlain for his interest in exposing Communist influences in the world of art and writes that he is glad to send copies of the speech.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Communism and art

Names:

Artists Equity Association  
Chamberlain, Cecil  
Society of Western Artists (Calif.)