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Oral history interview with Ruth Gikow

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Ruth Gikow
<b>Date:</b>	1964
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.gikow64
<b>Creator:</b>	Gikow, Ruth, 1915-1982 (Interviewee) Phillips, Harlan B. (Harlan Buddington), 1920-1979 (Interviewer) New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Item (Sound recording: 1 sound tape reel ; 7 in) 29 Pages (Transcript)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with Ruth Gikow, 1964, Transcript</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Conducted as part of the Archives of American Art's New Deal and the Arts project, which includes over 400 interviews of artists, administrators, historians, and others involved with the federal government's art programs and the activities of the Farm Security Administration in the 1930s and early 1940s.

### Available Formats

Transcript available on-line at <http://www.aaa.si.edu/oralhist/gikow64.htm>

### Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

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## Biographical / Historical

Painter, printmaker; New York, N.Y.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Ruth Gikow conducted by Harlan Phillips in 1964 for the Archives of American Art.

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Gikow speaks of being born in Russia; mural painting at the Bronx Hospital for the Federal Art Project; interest in graphics; the Artists Congress; the Index of American Design; and her thoughts on contemporary painting. She recalls John Stuart Curry and Gene Morey.

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## General

Unrelated interviews of Ad Reinhardt and Ralph and Bena Mayer conducted by H. Phillips are also on this tape.

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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:

- Federal aid to the arts
- Jewish artists
- New Deal, 1933-1939
- Women artists
- Women muralists
- Women painters
- Women printmakers

### Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

### Names:

- Federal Art Project (New York, N.Y.)
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project

### Occupations:

- Illustrators -- New York (State) -- New York
- Muralists -- New York (State) -- New York
- Painters -- New York (State) -- New York
- Printmakers -- New York (State) -- New York
- Serigraphers -- New York (State) -- New York