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## Oral history interview with Erna Gunther

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Erna Gunther
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.gunthe65
<b>Date:</b>	1965 Apr. 23
<b>Creator:</b>	Gunther, Erna, 1896-1982 (Interviewee) Bestor, Dorothy K., 1913- (Interviewer) New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Sound tape reel (Sound recordings: (40 min.); 5 in.) 15 Pages (Transcript)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with Erna Gunther, 1965 Apr. 23, Transcript</a> <a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Erna Gunther, 1965 Apr. 23, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</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.

### Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

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## Biographical / Historical

Erna Gunther (b. 1896) was an anthropologist from Seattle, Wash.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Erna Gunther conducted 1965 Apr. 23, by Dorothy Bestor, for the Archives of American Art.

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Gunther speaks of her interest in Indian arts and crafts and her career teaching anthropology at the University of Washington; a joint project conducted by the Federal Art Project and the Washington State Museum to create Indian dioramas; and her opinions on federal support for the arts.

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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:

- Anthropologists -- Washington (State) -- Seattle -- Interviews
- Federal aid to the arts
- Indian art

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Federal Art Project (Wash.)
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project