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Eva Hesse papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Eva Hesse papers
<b>Date:</b>	1914-1970 (bulk 1960-1970 dates)
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.hesseva
<b>Creator:</b>	Hesse, Eva, 1936-1970
<b>Extent:</b>	770 Items ((on 3 microfilm reels))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Provenance unknown.

### Location of Originals

Originals in the Dudley Peter Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm rolls 1475-1477 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

The Archives of American art does not own the original papers. Use is limited to the microfilm copy.

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## Biographical / Historical

Sculptor and instructor. Born in Hamburg, Germany, immigrated to the U.S. and later became naturalized. Studied at Pratt Institute, 1952-53, Art Students League, 1953 and Cooper Union, 1954-57, all in New York City. Lecturer at School of Visual Arts, New York City, 1968-70.

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## Scope and Contents

524 letters and postcards; 10 diaries, 1955-1967 describing her work and problems creating it; appointment and address books; interviews of Hesse by Cindy Nemser; Hesse's classroom notes, term papers and teaching notes; papers by Hesse's students, and several essays by Lucy Lippard; personal photographs and photographs of art work; sketchbooks, sketches and drawings; exhibition catalogs, announcements and invitations; 2 scrapbooks of clippings and memorabilia; and miscellany.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Women artists
- Women educators
- Women sculptors

### Occupations:

- Educators -- New York (State) -- New York
- Sculptors -- New York (State) -- New York