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Oral history interview with Inslee Hopper

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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives of American Art Oral History Program, started in 1958 to document the history of the visual arts in the United States, primarily through interviews with artists, historians, dealers, critics and others.

### Available Formats

Transcript available online.

### Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

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## Biographical / Historical

Inslee Hopper is an art administrator and preservationist.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Inslee Hopper conducted 1981 July 28, by Robert Brown, for the Archives of American Art.

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Hopper speaks of his education in art history at Princeton University; his work as editor of THE ARTS under Forbes Watson, 1933-1934; a survey of sculptors for Juliana Force of the Whitney Museum of American Art, 1934-1935; his involvement in the Painting and Sculpture section of the Treasury Department under Edward Bruce, 1935-1938; supervising the decoration for the Federal Building at the World's Fair, 1938-1939; his work with Ben Shahn on the documentation of a resettlement project in West Virginia; the Smithsonian Gallery of Art project, 1938-1940; and his work as Edward Bruce's aide.

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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:

Art and state  
Preservationists -- Interviews

### Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Sound recordings

### Names:

Bruce, Edward, 1879-1943  
Force, Juliana, 1876-1948  
Shahn, Ben, 1898-1969  
Watson, Forbes, 1880-1960

### Occupations:

Arts administrators -- Interviews