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Oral history interview with Romana Javitz

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Romana Javitz
Date:	1965 Feb. 23
Identifier:	AAA.javitz65
Creator:	Javitz, Romana, 1903-1980 (Interviewee) Doud, Richard Keith (Interviewer) New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
Extent:	1 Sound tape (Sound recording: 1 sound tape; 7 in.) 26 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Romana Javitz, 1965 Feb. 23, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt) Digital Content: Oral history interview with Romana Javitz, 1965 February 23, Transcript

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: 35mm microfilm reel 3949 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

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Transcript is available on the Archives of American Art's website.

Restrictions

This interview is open for research. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Romana Javitz (1903-1980) was a librarian and artist who represented the New York Public Library's Picture Collection from 1928-1968..

Scope and Contents

An interview of Romana Javitz conducted 1965 Feb. 23, by Richard Doud, for the Archives of American Art, February 23, 1965. Javitz speaks of her views on photographs; Farm Security Administration Photo File; Walker Evans; opinion of federal government being involved with photographs; and her background as an artist.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Documentary photography
- Federal aid to the arts
- Women artists

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Evans, Walker, 1903-1975
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
- United States. Farm Security Administration

Occupations:

- Artists -- New York (State) -- New York
- Librarians -- New York (State) -- New York