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## Oral history interview with Michele Oka Doner

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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 administrators.

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## Biographical / Historical

Michele Oka Doner (1945- ) is glass artist and sculptor, in New York, New York. Josephine Shea (1958- ) is a curator in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Michele Oka Doner conducted 2007 August 20 and November 17, by Josephine Shea, for the Archives of American Art's Nanette L. Laitman Documentation Project for Craft and Decorative Arts in America, at Oka Doner's studio, in New York, New York.

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## General

Originally recorded on 2 sound discs. Reformatted in 2010 as 4 digital wav files. Duration is 3 hr., 20 min.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Women artists  
Women sculptors

### Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Sound recordings

### Names:

Nanette L. Laitman Documentation Project for Craft and Decorative Arts in America

### Occupations:

Glass artists -- New York (State) -- New York  
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