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## A Finding Aid to the Howardena Pindell Scrapbook, 1935-1940, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Howardena Pindell scrapbook
<b>Date:</b>	1935-1940
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.pindhowa
<b>Creator:</b>	Pindell, Howardena, 1943-
<b>Extent:</b>	0.2 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The Howardena Pindell scrapbook measures 0.2 linear feet and dates from 1935 to 1940. The scrapbook, removed from one binder, consists of photocopies of correspondence, memoranda, reports, legal documents, press releases, and newspaper articles related to Howardena Pindell's father, Howard D. Pindell's involvement in the pursuit of salary equity for African American teachers in Maryland.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The scrapbook was donated in 2020 by Howardena Pindell as part of the Archives' African American Collecting Initiative funded by the Henry Luce Foundation.

### Related Materials

The Archives of American Art also holds an oral history interview with Howardena Pindell conducted 2012 Dec. 1-4 by Judith Olch Richards, and an oral history interview with Howardena Pindell conducted 1972 July 10 by Paul Cummings.

### Processing Information

The collection was minimally processed and a finding aid prepared by Rayna Andrews in 2021 with funding from the Henry Luce Foundation.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Howardena Pindell (1943- ) is an African American abstract artist in New York, NY. Her work is known for exploring texture, color, and the process of making art. Howard D. Pindell (1908-2006) was Howardena Pindell's father and was a teacher, and later a school principal in Maryland. He worked to start an African American teachers' union in order to address unequal salaries for Black teachers. In 1936 he was involved in a test case for salary equity pursued by Thurgood Marshall and Charles Hamilton Houston.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Due to the small size of this collection, the papers are arranged as one series.

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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:

- African American artists
- African American educators
- Women artists
- Women painters

Types of Materials:

- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Pindell, Howard D., 1908-2006

Occupations:

- Painters -- New York (State) -- New York

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Howardena Pindell Scrapbook, circa 1935-1940

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Box 1, Folder 1-2      Howardena Pindell scrapbook relating to Howard D. Pindell, 1935-1940

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