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Oral history interview with Jean Paul Slusser

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Jean Paul Slusser
<b>Date:</b>	1973 March 14-July 26
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.slusse73
<b>Creator:</b>	Slusser, Jean Paul, 1886-1981 (Interviewee) Barrie, Dennis (Interviewer)
<b>Extent:</b>	69 Pages (Transcript)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Jean Paul Slusser, 1973 March 14-July 26, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives' 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.

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## Biographical / Historical

Jean Paul Slusser (1886-1981) was a painter, educator, and museum director from Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Jean Paul Slusser conducted 1973 March 14-July 26, by Dennis Barrie, for the Archives of American Art. In addition to other topics Slusser discusses his family history, childhood, teaching at the University of Texas, his job as art critic for the Boston Herald, his studies, his painting, Diego Rivera's work in Michigan, and his position as museum director of University of Michigan museum.

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## General

Originally recorded on 3 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 3 digital wav files. Duration is 2 hr., 44 min.

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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, American  
Museum directors -- Michigan -- Ann Arbor -- Interviews  
Painters -- Michigan -- Ann Arbor -- Interviews  
Painting

Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Sound recordings

Functions:

Art museums, University and college -- Michigan -- Ann Arbor