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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Paul J. Smith papers
Date:	1940-2020
Identifier:	AAA.smitpaul2
Creator:	Smith, Paul J.
Extent:	70.5 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

A small portion of the papers were donated between 2004-2012 by Paul J. Smith, as part of the Nanette L. Laitman Documentation Project for Craft and Decorative Arts in America. The majority of the papers were donated by Kathleen Mangan, estate representative, in 2022.

Restrictions

This collection is temporarily closed to researchers. Researchers interested in accessing audiovisual recordings in this collection must use access copies. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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Biographical / Historical

Paul J. Smith (1931-2020) was an arts administrator and curator in New York, N.Y.

Scope and Contents

The Paul J. Smith papers measure 70.5 linear feet and date from circa 1940-2020. Included is biographical material, résumés, autobiographic "reflections" and awards; draft writings; correspondence; research material compiled in preparation for interviews with craft artists; audio recordings and interview transcripts; files concerning artists, organizations, projects, research, and exhibitions; photographs, negatives, contact sheets, and slides of events, artists, Paul J. Smith, and others; clippings and other printed materials; and miscellaneous.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

Herman, Lloyd E.
Lindquist, Mark, 1949-
Mason, John, 1927-2019
Nanette L. Laitman Documentation Project for Craft and Decorative Arts in America
Parrott, Alice Kagawa, 1929-2009
Peterson, Susan, 1925-2009
Sauer, Jane, 1937-

Occupations:

Arts administrators -- New York (State) -- New York
Curators -- New York (State) -- New York