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Oral history interview with John Stephenson

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with John Stephenson
Date:	1981 August 3
Identifier:	AAA.stephe81
Creator:	Stephenson, John (John H), 1929- (Interviewee) Rospond, Mary Chris (Interviewer)
Extent:	76 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with John Stephenson, 1981 August 3, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

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.

Biographical / Historical

John Stephenson (1929-) is a sculptor and educator from Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Scope and Contents

An interview of John Stephenson conducted 1981 August 3, by Mary Chris Rospond, for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Stephenson speaks of his family, educational and military background; his study at the Cranbrook Academy of Art; influences on his work; experiences in Japan; teaching at the University of Michigan; his methods; his sources of inspiration; and the future of ceramics.

General

Originally recorded on 3 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 5 digital wav files. Duration is 3 hr., 24 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Ceramicists -- Michigan -- Interviews
- Ceramics
- Educators -- Michigan -- Interviews
- Sculptors -- Michigan -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Cranbrook Academy of Art