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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	School of Design in Chicago : refugees east and west / Beatrice Takeuchi
Identifier:	AAA.takebeat
Date:	undated 1998
Extent:	54 Pages
Creator:	Takeuchi, Beatrice, 1921-
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1998 by Beatrice Takeuchi.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Beatrice Takeuchi (1921-2020) was a Japanese American educator based in Chicago, Illinois and Washington, D.C. Takeuchi was born in Seattle, Washington. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, she was sent to a War Relocation Center, Pallyup, Washington and Minidoka, Idaho in August 1942. In October of 1942 she was allowed to leave to pursue studies in industrial design and architecture at the Chicago School of Design (fd. 1937 as New Bauhaus). From 1945-54 she taught foundation and visual design and held various positions in architecture and design studios in Washington, D.C., moving to NYC in 1954 and working as a free lance architect until 1968. She lived and worked in Chicago from 1968-1993, when she retired to Michigan.

Scope and Contents

Beatrice Takeuchi memoir, 1998. Takeuchi begins with her recollections of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and her stay in a War Relocation camp and describes in detail her impressions of the faculty, staff, and students at School of Design in Chicago. Most notable recollections involve instructors Lazlo Moholy-Nagy, Jack Waldheim, George Fred Keck, Hubert Leckie, S.I. Hayakawa, and others. The memoir concludes with a summation of her career in the arts.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Asian American architects
- Asian American art
- Asian American artists
- Asian American educators
- Asian American women artists
- Japanese American art
- Japanese American artists
- Japanese American women artists
- Japanese Americans -- Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945 -- Diaries

Names:

- Aaron, David
- Chicago School of Design
- Filipowski, Richard, 1923-2008
- Giedion, S. (Sigfried), 1888-1968
- Hayakawa, S. I.
- Keck, George Fred
- Kepes, Gyorgy, 1906-2001
- Leckie, Hubert W., 1913-1993
- Moholy-Nagy, László, 1895-1946
- Richard, Edgar
- Waldheim, Jack

Occupations:

- Architects