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## A Finding Aid to the Adrian Piper Interview, 1991, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Adrian Piper interview
<b>Date:</b>	1991
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.withjose
<b>Creator:</b>	Withers, Josephine (Interviewer) Piper, Adrian, 1948- (Interviewee)
<b>Extent:</b>	15 Pages (Transcript) 1 Sound cassette
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	An interview of Adrian Piper conducted by Josephine Withers, 1991 [month and day unidentified]. Withers conducted the interview as part of her research for an unpublished book <i>Musing about the Muse</i> .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 2005 by Josephine Withers.

### Processing Information

The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Jayna Josefson in 2021.

### Preferred Citation

Adrian Piper interview, 1991. Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

This collection is open for research. Access to original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C. Research Center. 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

Josephine Withers (1938-) is an art historian and a professor emerita of art history at the University of Maryland, College Park. Adrian Piper (1948-) is a conceptual artist and philosopher. She taught philosophy at numerous institutions and was the first female African American philosophy professor to receive academic tenure in the United States. Piper moved to Berlin, Germany in 2005 where she now runs the Adrian Piper Research Archive (APRA).

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Adrian Piper conducted by Josephine Withers, 1991 [month and day unidentified]. Withers conducted the interview as part of her research for an unpublished book *Musing about the Muse*.

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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
- Women artists

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Occupations:

- Art historians -- Maryland
- Conceptual artists

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Adrian Piper Interview, 1991

#### *1 Folder*

Scope and Contents: Found is an interview of Adrian Piper conducted by Josephine Withers in 1991. Included is an audio cassette and a transcript of the interview.

Folder 1                      Adrian Piper Interview, Conducted by Josephine Withers, 1991  
Notes:                      Includes 1 sound cassette and transcript.

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