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## A Finding Aid to the Sonia Wolfson Papers, 1924-circa 1949

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Sonia Wolfson papers
<b>Date:</b>	1924-circa 1949
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.wolfsoni
<b>Creator:</b>	Wolfson, Sonia, 1903-1997
<b>Extent:</b>	0.3 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The papers of art critic Sonia Wolfson measure 0.3 linear feet and date from 1924 to circa 1949. Found is a scrapbook containing clippings of reviews and articles by Wolfson. Also found are seven caricatures by others and two photographs of Wolfson.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Sonia Wolfson in 1990.

### Related Materials

The Archives of American Art also holds an oral history interview with Sonia Wolfson, 1990 August 19 conducted by Ilene Fort.

### Processing Information

The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Jayna Josefson in 2023 with support from the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative.

### Preferred Citation

Sonia Wolfson papers, 1924-circa 1949. 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.

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## Biographical / Historical

Sonia Wolfson (1903-1997) was an art critic in Los Angeles, California. Originally from New York, Wolfson moved to California and took various jobs relating to the arts and the entertainment industry. She worked for 20th Century Fox, *California Graphic*, Columbia Studios, and *Game and Gossip*.

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## Scope and Contents

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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:

Women art critics

Occupations:

Art critics -- California -- Los Angeles

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Sonia Wolfson Papers, 1924-circa 1949

#### 0.3 Linear feet (Box 1)

Scope and Contents: A clippings scrapbook contains articles and reviews written by Wolfson for *California Graphic*. Largely focusing on California artists, exhibits, and museums, Wolfson's reviews also describe collections throughout the United States. Also found are seven caricatures of Wolfson by various artists, some of which are signed. Two photographs are of Wolfson.

Box 1, Folder 1	Caricatures, circa 1930
Box 1, Folder 2	Photographs, circa 1949
Box 1, Folder 3	Scrapbook, 1924-1928

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