



# Smithsonian

*Anacostia Community Museum*

American Red Cross posters: African American  
HIV/AIDS program series with African proverbs

ACMA.10-004.11

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Anacostia Community Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	American Red Cross posters: African American HIV/AIDS program series with African proverbs
<b>Date:</b>	1992
<b>Identifier:</b>	ACMA.10-004.11
<b>Creator:</b>	Smith, Damballah Dolphus American Red Cross (Sponsor)
<b>Extent:</b>	5 Posters (28 x 24 inches)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Container:</b>	Folder 1

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

American Red Cross posters, Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

Use of the materials requires an appointment. Please contact the archivist at [acmarchives@si.edu](mailto:acmarchives@si.edu).

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## Biographical / Historical

As stated on the posters: "Damballah Dolphus Smtih, born in 1943 and educated in Philadelphia (Philadelphia College of Art) is a Washington, D.C.-based visual artist. His work has been presented in numerous solo and group exhibits, including the National Exhibition of Contemporary African American Art (as part of the National Black Arts Festival held every two years in Atlanta) and appears in the collections of the Afro-American Museum of History and Culture (Philadelphia), the U.S. Information Agency, The African American Scholars Council, and numbrous private collections. His works have been published in 'Black Artists on Art' (Lewis/Waddy), Art 'Papers' (Atlanta Art papers, Inc.), and 'Selected Essays: Art and Artists from the Harlem Renaissance to the 1980s' (National Blac Arts Festival, Inc.)

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Proverb 1 "He who upsets a thing should know how to rearrange it" (Sierra Leonean) -- Proverb 3 "The ruin of a nation begins in the homes of its people" (Ghanian) -- Proverb 4 "He who does not cultivate his field will die of hunger" (Guinean)-- Proverb 5 "When spider webs unite they can tie up a lion" (Ethiopian)-- and Proverb 6 "He who conceals his disease cannot expect to be cured" (Ethiopian proverb).

## Scope and Contents

This collection contains 5 signed posters designed by artist Damballah Dolphus Smith for the American Red Cross African American HIV-AIDS program.

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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 Americans
- HIV/AIDS awareness
- proverbs

Types of Materials:

- Posters

Names:

- Smith, Damballah Dolphus

Occupations:

- Artists