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*National Museum of African Art*

## Lydia Puccinelli Robbins Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Eliot Elisofon Photographic Archives, National Museum of African Art
<b>Title:</b>	Lydia Puccinelli Robbins Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1920-2005
<b>Identifier:</b>	EEPA.2019-001
<b>Creator:</b>	Puccinelli Robbins, Lydia (Photographer) Robbins, Warren M. (Photographer) Tamarin, Alfred H. (Photographer) DeVall, Sue (Photographer)
<b>Extent:</b>	3 Videocassettes 1 Film reel 605 Photographic prints (Color and black and white) 1,055 Color slides 1,316 Color slides (35 mm) 56 Color negatives (35 mm) 157 Negatives (Black and white, 35 mm) 4 Color negatives (2 x 2 in) 3 Books (1 Guidebook and 2 magazines) 20 Slides (Black and white, 35 mm ) 2 Photographic prints (Black and white) 2 Videocassettes (VHS)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Related Materials

Related materials include: EEPA 2016-009 Lydia Puccinelli Robbins study collection, EEPA 1982-002 Warren Robbins photographs, EEPA 1986-028 Collection ROBBINS Warren, and EEPA 2015-013 Robbins Center Collection.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Lydia Puccinelli Robbins was the Curator of Collections at the Smithsonian Museum of African Art between 1979 and 1999, and served as a registrar, educator, and curator with the Museum of African Art (1966-1979), prior to the institution's transfer to the Smithsonian. Lydia was also married to Warren M. Robbins, who founded the Museum of African Art in the basement of his home, prior to purchasing the former Capitol Hill home of Frederick Douglas.

Joe Holly, "Warren M. Robbins, founder of the Museum of African Art, dies at 85," Los Angeles Times, Dec 8, 2008.

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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:

- Africa
- Art and photography
- National Museum of African Art

Cultures:

- Africa

Types of Materials:

- Color slides -- 20th century
- Videocassettes