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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Edgar Meyer Innovative Lives Presentation
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0918
Date:	2005-07-07
Creator:	Jerome and Dorothy Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation. (Creator) Meyer, Edgar (Interviewee)
Extent:	0.25 Cubic feet (3 boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Original and reference audiocassettes, digital images, video clips, and a 16mm film documenting biochemist, artist, and sculptor Edgar Meyer and his large scale models of the polio virus (interview).

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This collection was made for the National Museum of American History on July 7-8, 2005.

Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center in 2006.

Related Materials

Materials at the National Museum of American History

Edgar Meyer's molecule sculpture of the polio virus is the exhibition "Whatever Happened to Polio?" The molecule sculpture was donated to the Division of Medicine and Science.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Sculptor who creates large-scale models of molecules.

Scope and Contents

Collection documents Edgar Meyer's work in creating large scale models of molecules, specifically models of the polio virus.

Series 1: Original Audio Cassettes, 2005, consists of two audio recordings of Edgar Meyer's Innovative Lives Program and Gallery talk for the exhibition "Whatever Happened to Polio?" on July 7-8, 2005. The two cassettes are approximately 2 hours and 5 minutes in length.

Series 2: Reference Audio Cassettes, 2005, consists of three audio cassettes documenting Meyer's Innovative Lives Program and gallery talk for the exhibition "Whatever Happened to Polio?" on July 7-8, 2005.

Series 3: Digital Images, 2005, consist of one CD-ROM containing 24 digital images (jpeg files) and 5 video clip files documenting Meyer's Innovative Lives Presentation in the Museum's Information Age Theatre.

Series 4: Moving Image contains one 16 mm film titled "Exercising the PDP II," no date.

Digital images were taken by American History Museum staff members Paul Rosenthal, Matthew White and Hugh Talman of Smithsonian Photographic Services.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into 4 series.

Series 1: Original Audio Cassettes, 2005

Series 2: Reference Audio Cassettes, 2005

Series 3: Digital Images, 2005

Series 4: Moving Image, undated

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Biochemistry
- Inventions
- Inventors
- Models and modelmaking
- Molecules
- Poliomyelitis
- Sculptors
- Sculpture

Types of Materials:

- Audiocassettes

CD-ROMs
Interviews -- 2000-2010
Motion pictures (visual works)
Oral history -- 2000-2010

Occupations:

Artists

Preferred Titles:

Innovative Lives Program (NMAH public program series)

Container Listing

Series 1: Original Audio Cassettes

Box 1, Cassette OTC918.1	Edgar Meyer Innovative Lives Presentation, 2005-07-07 1 Cassette tape (Total Running Time: 85: 00)
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Box 1, Cassette OTC918.2	Edgar Meyer Gallery Talk for "Whatever Happened to Polio? Exhibit, , 2005-07-08 1 Cassette tape (Total Running Time: 40:00)
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Series 2: Reference Audio Cassettes, 2005

Box 1, Cassette
RTC918.1-2

Edgar Meyer Innovative Lives Presentation, 2005-07-07
1 Cassette tape (Total Running Time: 65:00)

Box 1, Cassette
RTC 918.3

Edgar Meyer Innovative Lives Presentation Gallery Talk for "Whatever
Happened to Polio?" , 2005-07-08
1 Cassette tape (Total Running Time: 40:00)

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Series 3: Digital Images

2 Electronic discs (CD) (24 digital images (jpeg files) and 5 video clip files)

Box 1

[Image\(s\)](#)

[Image\(s\): Presentation flier](#)

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Series 4: Moving Image, undated

Box 3, Reel
OF918.1

Exercising the PDP II, undated
1 Film reel (16mm)

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