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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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Restricted for 15 years, until Jan-01-2025; Transferring office; 10/22/2003 memorandum, Johnstone to Laffoon; Contact reference staff for details.

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## Descriptive Entry

This accession includes the correspondence of Warren M. Robbins, Director, 1979-1983; Sylvia H. Williams, Director, 1983-1996; Roslyn A. Walker, Director, 1997-2002; and Sharon F. Patton, Director, 2003-2008. The records consist of correspondence with museums, educational institutions, professional societies, corporations, foundations, and individuals in the field of African art and related studies. Materials also include photographs, newspaper clippings, postcards, photographs, and slides. Some materials are in electronic format.

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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:

Art museum directors  
Art museums  
Art, African

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white photographs  
Clippings  
Color photographs  
Color transparencies  
Compact discs  
Floor plans  
Manuscripts  
Picture postcards

Names:

Patton, Sharon F.  
Robbins, Warren M.  
Walker, Roslyn A.  
Williams, Sylvia H.

## Container Listing

### Box 1

Box 1 of 6	Association of Art Museum Directors (AAMD) Survey
Box 1 of 6	Abiodun, Rowland
Box 1 of 6	Africa - Burkina Faso
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Box 1 of 6	Boser-Sarivaxevanis, Dr. Renee
Box 1 of 6	Brakeley, John Price Jones Inc. - Campaign Analysis, 1987
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Box 1 of 6 Crane, Louise  
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Box 1 of 6 D Correspondence  
Box 1 of 6 Dakar - Washington: D.C. Sister Cities Committee  
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Box 2 of 6 E Correspondence  
Box 2 of 6 Egyptian Material  
Box 2 of 6 Endicott, Noble  
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Box 2 of 6 Foundation - Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts  
Box 2 of 6 Foundation - Cafritz Foundation, The Morris and Gwendolyn  
Box 2 of 6 Foundation - Fannie Mae Foundation  
Box 2 of 6 Foundation - Kellogg Foundation  
Box 2 of 6 Foundation - Knight Foundation  
Box 2 of 6 Foundation - The Mosaic Foundation  
Box 2 of 6 Foundation - Pollack-Krasner Foundation  
Box 2 of 6 Foundation - Rockefeller Foundation - "The Poetics and Politics of Representation," September 1988 (Ivan Karp)  
Box 2 of 6 Foundation - Rockefeller Foundation - Proposal, April 1, 1984  
Box 2 of 6 Foundation - Rockefeller Foundation - Interim Report on Resident Fellowships, 1988  
Box 2 of 6 Foundation - Rockefeller Foundation - Workshop on Museum Exhibition of Non-Western and American Minority Art and Material Culture, 1987  
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Box 3 of 6 Museums - Brooklyn Museum

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Box 3 of 6 Museums - de Young Memorial Museum, San Francisco

Box 3 of 6 Museums - Detroit Institute of Arts

Box 3 of 6 Museums - Indianapolis Museum of Art

Box 3 of 6 Museums - Leiden, Rijksmuseum voor Volkenkunde (National Museum of Ethnology)

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Box 3 of 6 Museums - Miscellaneous (includes electronic records)

Box 3 of 6 Museums - Musee D'Arts Africains, Oceaniens, Amerindiens (MAAOA)

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- Box 5 of 6 T Correspondence
- Box 5 of 6 Thaggert, Henry L., III
- Box 5 of 6 Thompson, John T.
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- Box 5 of 6 United States Information Agency (USIA) - Private Sector Arts Committee and Sylvia Williams (2 folders)
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