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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of subject files created and maintained by Douglas E. Evelyn, Deputy Director, National Museum of American History (NMAH), 1980-1991. These records primarily document Evelyn's involvement with "The Common Agenda for History Museums," an initiative of the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) and NMAH that explored issues shared by all history museums across the United States. The focus of the program's efforts was on methods of identifying and maintaining vast collections of objects; investigating means to share information about them for research and exhibition purposes; strengthening the ties between academics interested in material culture and museums; and encouraging scholarship as an activity fundamental to museum practices. Also documented is Evelyn's work with AASLH on annual meetings, task forces, and seminars. Some materials date from after Evelyn was no longer Deputy Director. Materials include correspondence; memoranda; meeting agendas and minutes; reports; surveys; and clippings.

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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:

- Historical museums
- Museum exhibits
- Museum techniques
- Museums -- Administration
- Museums -- Collection management
- Museums -- Public relations
- Science museums

Seminars

Types of Materials:

Clippings  
Manuscripts

Names:

American Association for State and Local History  
American Association for State and Local History. The Common Agenda for History Museums  
Evelyn, Douglas E., 1941-

Places:

United States -- History -- Study and teaching

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## Container Listing

Box 1	
Box 1 of 2	The Common Agenda for History Museums (Common Agenda) - Meeting on Automation Concerns, June 5, 1989
Box 1 of 2	Common Agenda - Interdisciplinary Task Force, 1987-1989
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Box 1 of 2	Common Agenda - Governance and future, 1988-1989
Box 1 of 2	Common Agenda - Historical Collections Documentation Survey, 1989-1990
Box 1 of 2	Common Agenda - Interdisciplinary Task Force Conference Subcommittee, 1988
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Box 1 of 2	Common Agenda - Database Task Force, 1989-1991
Box 1 of 2	Common Agenda - Database Task Force report, 1987-1991
Box 1 of 2	Common Agenda - Database Task Force follow-up meeting, May 12, 1987
Box 1 of 2	Common Agenda - Correspondence, 1987-1991 (3 folders)
Box 1 of 2	Common Agenda - Interdisciplinary Task Force Subcommittee on Exhibit Evaluation, 1988
Box 1 of 2	Common Agenda - Steering Committee, 1989
Box 1 of 2	Common Agenda - Douglas E. Evelyn's meeting materials, 1987

Box 1 of 2	Common Agenda - Comments from Advisory Board members regarding project, 1990
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Box 1 of 2	American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) Annual Meeting - Rochester, New York, September 13-17, 1988
Box 1 of 2	AASLH - George Washington University - American Studies 50th Anniversary, 1988
Box 1 of 2	AASLH Annual Meeting, 1990
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Box 2 of 2	AASLH - Headquarters - Nashville, Tennessee, 1988
Box 2 of 2	AASLH - Executive Committee, 1988-1989
Box 2 of 2	AASLH - Seminar for Historical Administration, 1988
Box 2 of 2	AASLH - Interdisciplinary Task Force - Subcommittee on 20th Century Collection, 1988-1989
Box 2 of 2	AASLH - Panel session - Miami, Florida, September 18, 1992
Box 2 of 2	National Museum of American History (NMAH) - Strategic plan, 1994
Box 2 of 2	NMAH - Project management information, 1991-1992