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Collection Overview

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Historical Note

Claudine K. Brown came to the Smithsonian Institution (SI) on January 15, 1990, as Project Director of the African American Institutional Study. In the one-year appointment, she led a 22-member advisory board in the investigation of issues related to the establishment of an African American presence on the Mall and reported to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Museums. Brown was formerly Assistant Director for Government and Community Relations at The Brooklyn Museum in New York City.

After Elaine Heumann Gurian left the position of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Museums in August 1990, Brown was named her acting successor. Between July and September 1991, she was formally appointed to the position, which was renamed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Arts and Humanities in FY 1992.

Descriptive Entry

The bulk of these records document the administration and activities of Brown's office from 1991 to 1992, although some files were created in 1989 while she was still at the Brooklyn Museum and some extend into 1993. Subject files were created for administrative matters; Smithsonian staff, bureaus, and offices with which Brown had contact; and for outside organizations, issues, and events. The records also contain a limited correspondence file from 1991 to 1992.

Names and Subject Terms

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

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Advisory boards
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Museums -- Administration

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Black-and-white photographs
Brochures
Clippings
Manuscripts

Names:

Brooklyn Museum of Art
Brown, Claudine K.
Gurian, Elaine Heumann, 1937-
Smithsonian Institution. African American Institutional Study

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