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Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Yale Center for British Art, Institutional Archives  
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**CALL NUMBER:** A003  

**CREATOR:** Yale Center for British Art, Institutional Archives  

**TITLE:** Yale Center for British Art building history collection  

**DATES:** 1966–1997  

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear foot (1 box) : VHS, paper, CD-ROMS  

**LANGUAGE:** English  

**SUMMARY:** This collection consists of materials related to the history of the Yale Center for British Art building that have been collected by the Institutional Archives department and span from 1966 to 1990. It includes various publications and media, such as CD-ROMS, VHS cassette tapes, catalogs, and newspaper clippings.  

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Biographical / Historical

The Yale Center for British Art was designed by the American architect Louis I. Kahn (1901-1974) and completed after his death. The Center was Kahn’s final work and is located across the street from his first commission, the Yale University Art Gallery (opened in 1953). The Center has a sleek, modern aesthetic, and it is the first museum in the United States with incorporated retail space. Notable elements of the design include the juxtaposition of materials similar in color and texture, such as the glass and steel on the façade, the strong geometry of the interior, and the many windows that bathe objects in diffused natural light. In 2005, the Center was awarded the Twenty-Five Year Award by the American Institute of Architects.

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Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects
Architecture, Modern -- 20th Century

Names
Kahn, Louis I., 1901-1974

Corporate Body
Yale Center for British Art