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General

119 interviews

Arrangement

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American Studies Class 430, Yale

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New York, NY
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1977 October 14
Series XIV. Byard, Jaki

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Boston, MA
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Series XVI. Cole, Martha

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Harriett Milnes

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Washington, D.C.

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Ibrahim, Abdullah
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Series II. James, Michael

James, Michael
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New York, NY
Harriett Milnes

1983 January 22
Series LII. Jewell, Derek

Jewell, Derek
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London Times, London

Valerie Archer
Series LIII. Jo, Jones

Jo, Jones
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New York, NY
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1979 December 14

Jo, Jones
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New York, NY
Speech to Ellington Society

1976
Series LIV. Jones, Max

Jones, Max
Call Number: OHIII 557 a-b
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High Gate, London

Valerie Archer

1981 March 24
Series LVI. Kerr, Brooks

Kerr, Brooks
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New Haven, CT

Gene Cook
Series LVII. Larkins, Ellis

Larkins, Ellis
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New York, NY

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Series LVIII. Lewis, Elma

Lewis, Elma
Call Number: OHIII 519 a
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MA Elma Lewis School of Fine Arts, Roxbury, MA

1978 March 23
Series LXI. McPhail, Jimmy

McPhail, Jimmy
Call Number: OHIII 583 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 92 mins
Transcript Page Count: 46 pages
Washington, D.C.
Mark Tucker

1983 September 29
Series LXII. McVicker, Carl

McVicker, Carl
Call Number: OHIII 589 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 74 mins
Transcript Page Count: 54 pages
Pittsburgh, PA
Harriett Milnes

1984 August 23
Series LXIV. Michelle, Louise

Michelle, Louise
Call Number: OHIII 574 a-b
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Transcript Page Count: 44 pages
New York, NY

Harriett Milnes

1983 July 15
Series LXV. Mills, Irving

Mills, Irving
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Beverly Hills, CA
Irene Kahn Atkins
Series LXVI. Moore, Anita

Moore, Anita  
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*Approximate Running Time: 81 mins*  
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Time-Life Building, New York, NY  

Harriett Milnes  

1983 September 21
Series LXVII. Morgenstern, Dan

Morgenstern, Dan
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Washington, D.C.
Ellington Conference

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Series LXXII. Okin, Earl

Okin, Earl
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London, England
Valerie Archer

1981 March 19
Series LXXIV. Pass, Joe

Pass, Joe
Call Number: OHIII 564 a-b
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Annapolis, Maryland
Jerry Dallman, Larry Appelbaum

1982 March 10
Series LXXVI. Procope, Russell

Procope, Russell
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New York, NY

Roy Jacobowitz

1977 December 2
Series LXXVII. Roach, Max

Roach, Max
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Approximate Running Time: 62 mins
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New York, NY
Marc Edwards

1978 January 25
Series LXXIX. Ruff, Willie

Ruff, Willie
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New Haven, CT
American Studies Class 430, Yale

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Jericho, NY
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Stewart, Slam
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Binhamton, NY
Martha Oneppo

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New Haven, CT
Martha Oneppo
Series LXXXV. Strayhorn, Helen and Carol

Strayhorn, Helen and Carol
Call Number: OHIII 587 a-c
Transcript Page Count: 58 pages
Pittsburgh, PA
Harriet Milnes

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Series LXXXVIII. Tizol, Juan and Rosebud

Tizol, Juan and Rosebud
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Approximate Running Time: 58 mins
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Los Angeles, CA
Brad Dechter
Series XC. Turney, Norris

Turney, Norris

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Approximate Running Time: 63 mins

Transcript Page Count: 44 pages

New York, NY

Valerie Archer

1978 February 28
Series XCII. Valburn, Jerry

Valburn, Jerry
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New York, NY
Mark Tucker

Valburn, Jerry
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Transcript Page Count: 54 pages
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