

# Jules David Prown collection of Louis I. Kahn Interviews by John W. Cook and Heinrich Klotz

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** S004

**CREATOR:** Prown, Jules David, 1930-

**TITLE:** Jules David Prown collection of Louis I. Kahn Interviews by John W. Cook and Heinrich Klotz

**DATES:** 2015

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** .417 linear feet (1 box) : Paper, hardcover book

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** This collection consists of verbatim transcripts from the interviews of Louis I. Kahn conducted by John W. Cook and Heinrich Klotz between July 15, 1969 and April 5, 1970. It also includes the hardcover book produced from these interviews: "Louis I. Kahn in Conversation: Interviews with John W Cook and Heinrich Klotz, 1969-1970" edited by Jules David Prown and Karen E. Denavit, published in 2014, and signed by both editors on April 15, 2015.

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is unprocessed and may not be available for immediate access.

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### Related Materials

The original audiovisual recordings of the Louis I. Kahn Interviews by John W. Cook and Heinrich Klotz are housed in the Yale University's Manuscripts and Archives, located within the Sterling Memorial Library. The online Finding Aid for these recordings can be accessed at the following address: <http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/mssa.ms.1873>.

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## Biographical / Historical

Louis I. Kahn (1901-1974) was selected as architect for the Yale Center for British Art by Jules Prown in October 1969. Kahn designed the Yale University Art Gallery in 1953, and Prown selected Kahn for his ability to incorporate light into his designs and his strong urban planning background.

Heinrich Klotz was a German architectural historian, and at the time of the interviews, he was a visiting professor at Yale in the Department of History of Art.

John W. Cook is a Professor Emeritus of Religion and the Arts Divinity School at Yale. At the time of the interviews, he was a graduate student in the History of Art Department, teaching architecture at the Yale Divinity School.

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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**

Architects -- Interviews  
Architecture, Modern -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Cook, John Wesley, 1933-  
Kahn, Louis I., 1901-1974  
Klotz, Heinrich