

# Guide to the Sandra Govan Collection

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** JWJ MSS 381

**CREATOR:** Govan, Sandra -- , interviewer

**TITLE:** Sandra Govan collection of Gwendolyn Bennett and Richard Bruce Nugent interviews

**DATES:** 1977-1991

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.50 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The Sandra Govan collection of Gwendolyn Bennett and Richard Bruce Nugent interviews includes correspondence, transcripts, and audiocassettes relating to Gwendolyn Bennett and Richard Bruce Nugent.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.            box  
        item barcode

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Sandra Govan on the Bradford F. and Lila L. Swan Fund, 2023.

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### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Boxes 2-4 (audiocassettes): Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

Sandra Govan collection of Gwendolyn Bennett and Richard Bruce Nugent interviews. James Weldon Johnson Collection in the Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Dr. Sandra Govan

Dr. Sandra Govan is a writer and professor emerita at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte, with a specialty in American and African-American literatures. Her areas of expertise include the Harlem Renaissance.

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## Gwendolyn Bennett

Gwendolyn Bennett (1902-1981) was an American artist, writer, and journalist who spotlighted cultural advancements during the Harlem Renaissance in the 1920s and 1930s.

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## Richard Bruce Nugent

Richard Bruce Nugent (1906-1987) was a gay African-American writer and painter lauded for his work during the Harlem Renaissance in the 1920s and 1930s.

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## Scope and Contents

The Sandra Govan collection of Gwendolyn Bennett and Richard Bruce Nugent interviews includes correspondence, transcripts, and audiocassettes relating to Gwendolyn Bennett and Richard Bruce Nugent.

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## Arrangement

These materials are arranged into two series: I. Professional papers, 1977-1991. II. Audiovisual material, 1979-1991.

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## Collection Contents

### I: Professional papers, 1977-1991

*.21 linear feet (1 box)*

This series contains interview transcriptions, correspondence, and other photocopied materials.

Materials maintain order found at time of acquisition.

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b.1	Interview transcriptions, photocopies	undated
b.1	Correspondence, photocopies	1977-1991

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**II: Audiovisual material, 1979-1991***1.25 linear feet (3 boxes)*

Boxes 2-4 (audiocassettes): Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

Maintains order found at time of acquisition, with materials loosely grouped by interviewee, then roughly ordered chronologically within those groupings. When possible, titles are transcribed directly from the materials.

b. 2, [REDACTED] 39002141021114	1st session - biograph stuff...outline..stops with philosophy, original <i>1 Audiocassette</i>  Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1979 March 23
b. 2, [REDACTED] 39002141021080	1st session, biographical stuff, duplicate copy <i>1 Audiocassette</i>  Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1979 March 29
b. 2, [REDACTED] 39002141021098	First impression GBC, master <i>1 Audiocassette</i>  Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1979 March 22
b. 2, [REDACTED] 39002141021106	1st impression GBC, sessions 1 and 2 <i>1 Audiocassette</i>  Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1979 March 22
b. 2, [REDACTED] 39002141021122	GB to SYG, tape covers <i>1 Audiocassette</i>  Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1979 March 23
b. 2, [REDACTED] 39002141021130	GB to SYG, tape covers, academic setting, to Paris, stopped prematurely <i>1 Audiocassette</i>  Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1979 March 23
b. 2, [REDACTED] 39002141021148	GB to SYG, tape covers academics to Paris, tape 2 <i>1 Audiocassette</i>  Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1979 March 23
b. 2, [REDACTED] 39002141021031	Interview with Bruce Nugent, Madison Inn, Hoboken, NJ <i>1 Audiocassette</i>  Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1982 June 13
b. 2, [REDACTED] 39002141021155	Interview Elizabeth Catlett, Gwen Bennett, Atlanta, GA; Toni Cade Bombara (writer) <i>1 Audiocassette</i>  Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1980 February 17

b. 2, [REDACTED] 39002141021163	Interview - Elizabeth Catlett, TCB question, part 3 <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1980 February 17
b. 2, [REDACTED] 39002141021171	Elizabeth Catlett...TCB <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	undated
b. 2, [REDACTED] 39002141021189	Elizabeth Catlett, oral history interview re: Gwen Bennett <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	undated
b. 2, [REDACTED] 39002141021197	Dick Campbell interview <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1990 November 27
b. 2, [REDACTED] 39002141021205	Interviews STE Pinkney, Eustis, FL; Juanita Mayer, Wintergarden, FL <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1990 June 18
b. 2, [REDACTED] 39002141021049	Bruce Nugent, Hoboken, NJ <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1982 June 13
b. 2, [REDACTED] 39002141021056	Bruce Nugent, Hoboken, NJ, tape 2 <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1982 June 13
b. 2, [REDACTED] 39002141021064	Ethel Ray Nance; Bruce Nugent <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1987
b. 2, [REDACTED] 39002141021072	Interview with Ethel Ray Nance <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1987 January
b. 3, [REDACTED] 39002141021213	Interview with Ida Wade, Giddings, Texas <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Neighbor of Joshua Bennett, Gwendolyn Bennett's father. Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1986 August 15

b. 3, [REDACTED] 39002141021239	Ida Wade, Giddings, Texas <i>1 Audiotape</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1986 August 15
b. 3, [REDACTED] 39002141021221	Aunt Ida <i>1 Audiotape</i> Neighbor to Gwendolyn Bennett's father, Joshua Bennett. Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	undated
b. 3, [REDACTED] 39002141021247	2nd interview with Aunt Ida Wade <i>1 Audiotape</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1987 May 24
b. 3, [REDACTED] 39002141021254	Martha Tanner, tape 1 <i>1 Audiotape</i> Gwendolyn Bennett's stepmother. Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1982 July 2
b. 3, [REDACTED] 39002141021262	Martha Tanner, tape 2 <i>1 Audiotape</i> Gwendolyn Bennett's stepmother. Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	undated
b. 3, [REDACTED] 39002141021270	Martha Tanner on GB <i>1 Audiotape</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1982 July 2
b. 3, [REDACTED] 39002141021288	Martha Tanner on GB, tape 2 <i>1 Audiotape</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	undated
b. 3, [REDACTED] 39002141021296	Eustis interview, Daniel McClendon, Gaskins, Blye and Colden <i>1 Audiotape</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1990 June 14
b. 3, [REDACTED] 39002141021304	Duplicate: Interviews with Reuban Blye, Roscoe Caldon, Sam Gaskins <i>1 Audiotape</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	undated
b. 3, [REDACTED] 39002141021312	Mayme Brown interview, Eustis, Fla <i>1 Audiotape</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1990 June 15



b. 3, [REDACTED] 39002141021320	Duplicate - Mayme Brown interview, Eustis, Fla <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	undated
b. 3, [REDACTED] 39002141021346	Duplicate - Pinkney and Maxey interview, Eustis and Wintergreen, Fla <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1990 June 18
b. 3, [REDACTED] 39002141021338	Louise Thompson Patterson interview <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1990 December 14
b. 3, [REDACTED] 39002141021361	Elton Fax interview <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1991 February 19
b. 3, [REDACTED] 39002141021353	Telephone interview with Louise Hollowell and J. Maxie <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1991 February 20
b. 3, [REDACTED] 39002141021379	Schomburg Scholars Colloquium <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1991 March 7
b. 3, [REDACTED] 39002141021387	Margaret Walker <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1991 April 3
b. 4, [REDACTED] 39002141021395	Duplicate - Mason and Morgan Smith interview <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1991 April 11
b. 4, [REDACTED] 39002141021403	Interview Doxey A. Wilkinson <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1991 May 22
b. 4, [REDACTED] 39002141021411	Hatch - Billops Artists <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1991 May 26
b. 4, [REDACTED] 39002141021429	Philip Foner interview <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1991 May 21

b. 4,   
39002141021437

3rd National Black Writers Conference, Brooklyn, NY  
*1 Audiotape*

1991

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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**

African American authors -- 20th Century  
American literature -- African American authors -- 20th Century.  
Harlem Renaissance  
Writers, American -- 20th Century

### **Occupations**

African American artists -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Genres / Formats**

Interviews -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Bennett, Gwendolyn, 1902-1981, interviewee  
Nugent, Bruce, 1906-1987, interviewee