

Jules David Prown interview by Karen E. Denavit manuscript

S013



YCBA Library Court. Photograph by Richard Caspole, YCBA, 2016.

Institutional Archives
1080 Chapel Street
P. O. Box 208280
New Haven, CT 06520-8280
(203) 432-8395
ycba.institutionalarchives@yale.edu
<https://britishart.yale.edu/about-us/departments/institutional-archives>

Table of Contents

Collection Overview	3
Administrative Information	3
Conditions Governing Access	3
Biographical / Historical	3
Scope and Contents	4
Selected Search Terms	5

Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Yale Center for British Art, Institutional Archives
Institutional Archives
1080 Chapel Street
P. O. Box 208280
New Haven, CT 06520-8280
(203) 432-8395
ycba.institutionalarchives@yale.edu
<https://britishart.yale.edu/about-us/departments/institutional-archives>

CALL NUMBER: S013

CREATOR: Prown, Jules David, 1930-

TITLE: Jules David Prown interview by Karen E. Denavit manuscript

DATES: March 1, 2013 - June 26, 2013

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: .209 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: This collection consists of the transcript of an interview with Jules Prown by Karen E. Denavit and accompanying color photographs. The interview was conducted at the Yale Center for British art between March 1 and June 26, 2013. In it, Prown discusses his family, education, and time as Director of the Center. Prown edited the interview and wrote a brief introduction, which is included in this manuscript.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/ycba.ia.S013>

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

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

Biographical / Historical

Jules David Prown earned his Bachelor's degree at Lafayette College (1951), an MA in Early American Culture from the University of Delaware (1956), and an MA (1953) and Ph.D. from Harvard University (1961). He was a fellow in the Winterthur Program from 1954-1956. Prown was appointed the Edward R. Bacon Art Scholar at Harvard and completed his dissertation on the formative years of American painter John Singleton Copley. Prown served as Assistant to the Director of the Fogg Art Museum between 1959 and 1961. In 1961, he joined Yale University as an instructor, and he served as curator of Garvan and related collections of American Art at the Yale University Art Gallery from 1963 to 1968. He became Assistant Professor at Yale in 1964 and was awarded a Guggenheim fellowship from 1964-1965. He was a Visiting Lecturer at Smith College from 1966-1967 and was promoted to Associate Professor at Yale in 1967. He became Paul Mellon Professor of the History of Art in 1971, and retired from this position emeritus in 1999.

Prown served as the founding Director of the Yale Center for British Art from July 1968 to January 1976. He was influential while the Center was being planned in choosing Louis Kahn as the architect.

Karen Denavit has served as the Information Analyst at the Yale Center for British Art since 2008.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the transcript of an interview with Jules Prown by Karen E. Denavit and accompanying color photographs. The interview was conducted at the Yale Center for British art between March 1 and June 26, 2013. In it, Prown discusses his family, education, and time as Director of the Center. Prown edited the interview and wrote a brief introduction, which is included in this manuscript.

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
Art historians
Art -- History

Names

Denavit, Karen

Corporate Body

Yale Center for British Art