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# Joseph & Signe Stuart Papers

## COLLECTION SUMMARY

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IDENTIFIER

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TITLE

Joseph & Signe Stuart Papers

DATES

1951-1998, 2014, 2020

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

3.21 linear feet [3 record boxes, 1 half document case-long]

NAME OF CREATOR(S)

Stuart, Joseph, 1932-2016

Stuart, Signe, 1937-

LANGUAGE

English

REPOSITORY

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ABSTRACT

Joseph and Signe Stuart worked and taught in Brookings for several decades. Signe Stuart was a professor of art at SDSU from 1972 to 1994 and Joe Stuart served as director and curator at the South Dakota Art Museum. The collection is composed of the work history of Joseph and Signe Stuart. Materials consist of lecture notes, correspondence, retirement material, material related to Signe's Badlands intermedia performance at South Dakota State University, art exhibition material, photographs, videos, sketches, and biographical information.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

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STUART, JOSEPH, 1932-2016

(1932 November 9-2016 December 9)

Stuart, Joseph Martin was born on November 9, 1932 in Seminole, Oklahoma, United States. Son of Arch William and Lillian (Lindsey) Stuart. Married Signe Margaret Nelson, June 18, 1960.

Joe attended high school in Albuquerque, New Mexico and served in the Navy during the Korean War. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Master's degrees in art from University of New Mexico under the GI Bill. He was an accomplished artist and served as museum director and curator at the Roswell Museum and Art Center, University of Oregon Museum of Art, Boise Art Museum, the Salt Lake City Art Center and the South Dakota Art Museum at South Dakota State University where he was also professor of art history.

STUART, SIGNE, 1937-  
(1937 December 3-)

Stuart, Signe Margaret was born on December 3, 1937 in New London, Connecticut, United States. Daughter of Carl Einar and Anna Louise (Gustafson) Nelson. Married Signe Margaret Nelson, June 18, 1960.

#### Education

Student, Yale-Norfolk Art School, 1959  
Bachelor, University Connecticut, 1959  
Master of Arts, University New Mexico, 1961

#### Career

Professor of art South Dakota State University, Brookings, 1970-1994  
Independent artist Santa Fe, since 1994  
Artist-in-residence Grinnell College, 2001

#### Achievements

Signe Margaret Stuart has been listed as a notable artist by Marquis Who's Who.

#### Works

Signe Stuart: Retrospective : March 4-April 23, 1995, South Dakota Art Museum, South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota

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Work history of Joseph and Signe Stuart including lecture notes, correspondence, retirement material, material related to Signe's Badlands intermedia performance at South Dakota State University, art exhibition material, photographs, videos, sketches, and biographical information.

## SUBJECT HEADINGS

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- Stuart, Joseph, 1932-2016
- Stuart, Signe, 1937-
- Art – Study and teaching – South Dakota – Brookings
- Museums -- Administration

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## CONTAINER LIST

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